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World rallies to assistance of Cameroon

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent.

More than 1,500 people are now known to have been killed in the Cameroon volcanic gas disaster...

An international emergency relief operation was being mobilised yesterday with help from the United Nations and the European Community...

Some of the world's leading volcanologists and geologists are flying to Yaounde, the Cameroon capital...

Rescue workers and doctors already on the scene are searching for more victims and survivors of the disaster...

A huge eruption of gases from beneath the bed of the lake formed a dense cloud of carbon dioxide that virtually suffocated its victims...

The lethal fumes probably escaped from the lake last Thursday, but details of the scale of the disaster did not reach the capital until the weekend...

Overshadowed a visit to Cameroon by the Israeli prime minister, Mr Shimon Peres...

Soldiers wearing gas masks and oxygen equipment have been counting the dead and injured in the last two days...

Yaounde yesterday and verified by UN relief workers. Mr Erik Haeglund, director of the relief effort...

Two Roman Catholic priests in the area were reported as saying that survivors suffered terrible burns...

A Dutch priest, Fred Tern Horn, said he saw men, women and children dead in village roadways...

their houses, and even in their beds.

Another priest, Father John Ambe, who saw survivors in a hospital at Wum...

The survivors all had burns on their bodies, he said in a BBC interview. "Those who died were just gassed out and never made it..."

There was really no warning. The emphasis now is on providing shelter, clothing, blankets, food and medical supplies to the survivors...

Other reports from the disaster area say rescue teams have begun burying the dead in an effort to prevent the possible outbreak of an epidemic...

He also said once the emergency has been dealt with the Government plans to resettle survivors in a safe area.

An aeroplane carrying relief supplies from the European Community is expected to arrive in Cameroon tomorrow.

Chernobyl plant may never reopen

From Pearce Wright, Science Editor, Vienna

The Chernobyl nuclear power station may never be reopened. The first hint of this came from Professor Valery Legasov, head of the Soviet delegation...

When asked at a news conference if work would continue on two new reactors at Chernobyl, Professor Legasov said it was impossible to say...

His opinion seems to coincide with that of Professor Legasov, who said the Soviet inquiry concluded that Russian nuclear power operators needed more training in how to cope with emergencies...

Although delegates from countries with large nuclear power programmes - particularly the United States, Britain and France - would not comment openly, clear differences can be seen between the West and the Soviet bloc in their approaches to safety...

The BP rise affects other products. Diesel goes up by 3p to 154.6p a gallon, while schedule prices of commercial motor spirit rise by 4.1p a gallon, gas oil by 5.5p and fuel oil by 3.2p.

US prime rate hits nine-year low

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The cost of borrowing fell in the United States yesterday when leading banks reduced their prime lending rates from 8 to 7.5 per cent...

The move lifted shares in New York. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed by 21 points to 1,892.86. Share prices also rose in London...

Olivia Channon leaves fortune of £541,959

By Craig Seton

Olivia Channon, the daughter of Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, left a fortune of nearly £700,000 in a will she made only six months before her death...

In June this year she was found dead in a student's room at Christ Church, Oxford, after celebrating the end of her modern history final examinations...



Flowers for the Princess of Wales, in a two-piece green woolen suit yesterday, when she visited Roxburgh House, Dundee, a hospice for cancer sufferers. (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Petrol rise of 5p may not be last

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

BP and Esso have dashed the Government's hopes of a continuing brake on petrol prices with a 5p increase in the cost of a gallon from midnight...

There was an added warning by BP that a further increase of "a few pence" was likely soon.

The latest rise seems certain to be matched by the other main suppliers, all of whom have complained in recent weeks of big losses on petrol sales...

Esso said that it was reducing price margins for its dealers and expects prices to rise by 7p. "We believe the market will support a higher price..."

Today's increase lifts the typical price of a gallon of four star to 169.6p, and comes after eight months of falling prices...

A fortnight ago most of the big oil companies imposed an increase of 7p a gallon and said that more increases were on the way.

Yesterday, BP blamed the rise on the production cut agreed earlier this month by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies (Opec)...

The price of crude has gone up 50 per cent in three weeks and the latest increase is not proportionate to the rise in crude. There may be more increases to come.

The increase signals the failure of the Treasury to persuade oil companies to hold prices at low levels. Increases in petrol, home heating oil and diesel fuel have a significant effect on the retail price index...

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Floods and gales wreak havoc across Britain

By Trudi McIntosh

The tail end of Hurricane Charley brought torrential rain, widespread flooding and gales to many areas of Britain and Northern Ireland yesterday.

The North Wales coast was lashed by winds gusting at nearly 80mph and hundreds of holidaymakers were forced to evacuate their caravans and waterlogged tents.

Camp sites in Cornwall, south-west Wales and many places in the South and North-east, were flooded and battered by winds of up to 70mph...

Roads were blocked by fallen trees and electricity power lines were brought down in Northern Ireland, where a man aged 40 died when a trench he was digging collapsed in heavy rain.

A man was feared drowned near the Scottish border early yesterday after a Land-Rover was swept away by a flooded stream at Bowmont Water, near Yetholm.

Rain falls of up to two inches were recorded in many areas of Scotland, northern

England and Cornwall in 12 hours, twice the normal August total. The area worst affected was North Wales, the Dee, Conwy, Mersey and Dovey.

German panzer troops training in Wales joined army cadets to help in mopping up after the River Taf burst its banks and flooded more than 200 homes in Whitland, Dyfed.

Some people, many of them elderly, escaped from their bedrooms by clambering into the bucket of a mechanical digger.

Army and RAF helicopters were called in to lift families to safety after they were stranded when a wall of water swept down a North Yorkshire dale.

Downstream, at Grinton, Continued on page 2, col 3

Armed robber in house siege evades police

A gunman who bungled a robbery attempt in a Bristol building society was being hunted last night after a police siege lasting more than four hours.

The siege, in a house in Aberdeen Road, Bristol, ended when police officers escorted away a man they described as a witness.

The gunman was chased to the house after robbing the Bristol and West Building Society, in Whitecliff Road, Clifton, Bristol, of £100, when a taxi he had ordered as a getaway car was moved on by a traffic warden.

TCCB take no action over Viv Richards

By Our Sports Staff

The Test and County Cricket Board have taken no action over Vivian Richards, the West Indian captain, who refused to take a drugs test during Somerset's county championship game with Gloucestershire on July 19.

The TCCB accepted Richards' explanation that the normal practice in cricket of having a player from each side present when the draw is made had not been observed on this occasion.

It was in the Count's student room at Oxford that Miss Channon was found dead. He has since been charged with possessing drugs.

An inquest into Miss Channon's death is due to be held in Oxford next month.

Thatcher given warning on use of US bases

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Opposition leaders urged the Prime Minister yesterday to veto any use of United States bases in Britain for launching a second bombing raid on Libya.

Their calls came as US and Egyptian warships engaged in manoeuvres in the southern Mediterranean amid speculation in Washington that Colonel Gaddafi is about to mount new terrorist attacks and must be taught another lesson.

It was also confirmed that General Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy who obtained Mrs Thatcher's consent to the use of British-based F111s in the April raids, will visit London and other European capitals in about a week's time.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said: "In view of the public outcry on the last occasion when the Americans used facilities here to launch their attacks, the British Government should make it quite clear that the Americans would not be authorized to use Nato bases in this country for any such strike."

Mr Donald Anderson, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, said: "Mrs Thatcher must realize how unpopular her uncritical support for the last US adventure in Libya made her. She must... deny them use, either directly or indirectly, of their bases in this country again."

Which sources say that in date the Americans have not approached Britain for such help.

It is suggested that the bellicose noises in Washington are intended to encourage anti-Gaddafi elements in Libya.

Downing Street said yesterday: "We are aware of the reports there have been of recent American statements about Libya, but that is a matter for the American Administration. There is no comment we wish to make."

Mr Anderson added that the current "Reagan sabre-rattling" had more to do with the mid-term congressional elections than with events in the Middle East and claimed that he was "trying to wrap himself in the flag again".

Although the Government appears to have recovered from the public backlash after the April assault, there seems little doubt that Mrs Thatcher would be placed in an unenviable position if asked to sanction further action.

After that attack, she said she had gone through agonies before approving British involvement and that she hoped most earnestly that she would not be asked a second time.

But she coupled this with a robust denunciation of terrorism, insisting that appeasement was no answer to tyrants and dictators and saying that any future request for help would be judged on its merits.

Mrs Thatcher would also face some difficulties with her own party, in the debate on the April bombing, 10 Conservative MPs, including Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, rebelled against the government line.

After the last raid, EEC heads of government agreed several measures against Libya, but the Americans are said to believe that the sanctions have not had much effect.

The proposed visit of General Walters to Europe threw the Foreign and Commonwealth Office into confusion yesterday, with every indication of his desire to discuss the new tensions between the United States and Libya was a source of embarrassment to the British Government (Our Diplomatic Staff writes).

Envoy's mission to gain allies backing

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The United States is sending a top official to Europe to warn US allies that Libya is preparing a new round of terrorist actions, and to ask them to increase their economic and political pressure on Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's Government.

The State Department announced yesterday that President Reagan had asked Mr Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, to leave for Europe this weekend. It said he will exchange information with US allies on Libya and review

the "full range of political, economic and diplomatic measures" which the US and Western Europe have been taking against Libya.

His visit, the highest level consultation since a trip by Mr John Whitehead, Deputy Secretary of State, comes amid strong public warnings by the Reagan Administration that the US will take "all appropriate measures" to make Libya cease its terrorist policies.

Officials have indicated that the Pentagon is preparing contingency plans for a new

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Tomorrow Talking shop-floor



A house divided: Times Profile of the Trades Union Congress, on the eve of the annual conference

Portfolio

Two readers shared the £12,000 prize yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, treble the usual amount as there was no winner in the two previous daily competitions. They were Mr T.Haley, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Mrs S.Hughes, of Ruthin, North Wales. Details, page 3. There is another £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list, page 21; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

On This Day

Somerset Maugham, Julian Huxley, Sapper, T.S.Eliot, Rebecca West and A.P.Herbert appeared live on television on August 27, 1936, but they could only be viewed at the Wireless Exhibition, Olympia. Page 13

OU degrees

Open University degrees for East Anglia, North-west, North, Wales, Northern Ireland and the South-east are published today. Page 9

FOCUS

As preparations get under way in Harare for the eighth summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, opening on Monday, a Special Report looks at Zimbabwe's achievements since independence in 1980. Pages 22-24

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Police chief welcome for Stalker after fears of rift

By Peter Davenport

Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, moved to dispel fears of a rift with his reinstated deputy by issuing a statement yesterday welcoming the return to duty of Mr John Stalker.

Requests for the two officers to be photographed together were refused, however.

The two men, who had not spoken for three months, met again at the regular morning conference of the force's senior officers.

Mr Anderton had come in for criticism for not welcoming back his deputy immediately. He was reinstated by a special meeting of the Greater Manchester Police Authority last Friday, after it had rejected a report that he should be sent to a disciplinary tribunal on 10 counts.

Mr Anderton, who had returned from holiday in the Lake District, declined to talk to journalists and, instead, issued a brief, written statement. It said:

"Last Friday Councillor David Moffat, the acting chairman of the police committee, made the valid point, following the reinstatement of Mr John Stalker, that he would expect professional chief officers now to get on with the job of running the force and serving the public. I have no hesitation in endorsing that point of view, which has always been our primary consideration."

"It may be thought that personal relationships at senior command level in the Greater Manchester Police Force could be affected by the traumas of the past few months, but John Stalker and I have always worked very well together in the public interest and for the good of the force, and there is no reason why we cannot do so again."

"A police force without a deputy chief constable is certainly not fully effective and I am glad to have John Stalker back on duty."

Mr Stalker declined to make any further comment. During the weekend he had been anxious to play down reports of a rift saying that his only intention was to resume work with Mr Anderton, a police officer for whom he had the greatest professional respect.

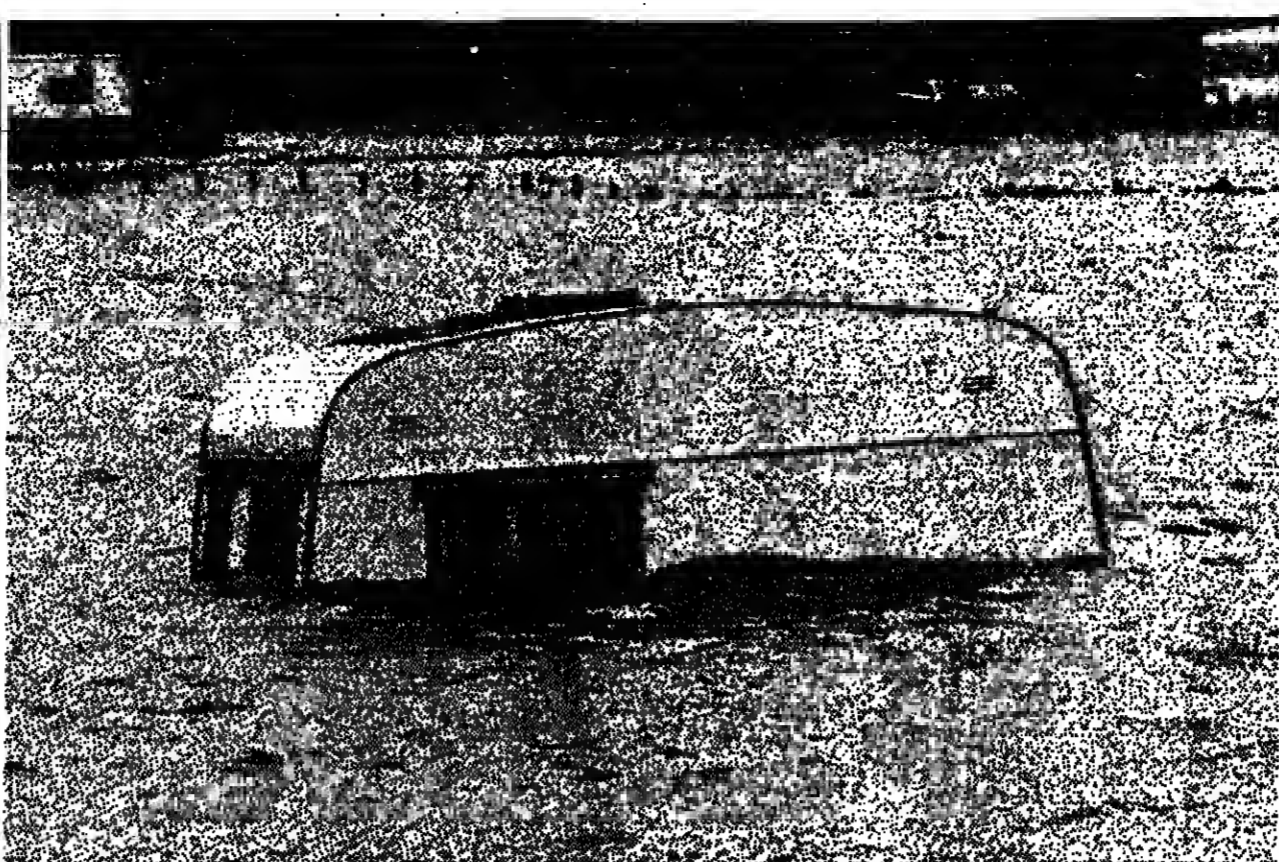
When he returned to his desk last Saturday he said: "I am looking forward to taking some of the burden that has been carrying alone for the past three months. I go back with no grudges."

The two men had not spoken since May, the day after Mr Stalker was first informed of the disciplinary allegations that were to lead to his suspension.

The decision to refer the allegations to the Greater Manchester Police Authority and the Police Complaints Authority was taken by Mr Anderton.

Mr Stalker is preparing for his staff association a detailed paper critical of the investigation. He believes that the matter could have been resolved with an informal interview with Mr Anderton thus avoiding the expense and trauma of a protracted inquiry.

He is critical also of the fact that he was identified publicly before he knew details of the allegations against him, and is anxious to avoid other senior officers undergoing similar ordeals.



A caravan swamped in the floodwaters at Reeth in North Yorkshire yesterday.

Britain lashed by gales and floods

Continued from page 1 holidaymakers had to push and tow their caravans up a hillside to prevent their being swept away.

The River Tees overflowed at Croft, near Darlington, with both the Yorkshire and Durham sides of the river affected.

Twelve people were taken to hospital after an 11 car crash on the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Aston, South Yorkshire.

Rotherham District General Hospital said the injured were treated for shock, cuts and bruises.

Boat owners at Abersoch on the Lleyn Peninsula in north-west Wales, said gales had caused an estimated £500,000 damage to about sixty craft, including cruisers and small yachts.

More than 5,000 people in Keswick and Kendal in the Lake District were without

electricity supplies yesterday after gales blew down power lines.

In Alston, England's highest market town, sandbags were issued to householders by firemen after a flood alert.

One hundred holiday-makers staying at the Nutter Mill Bungalow Park, near Saltash, Cornwall, were found alternative accommodation after the River Lyster burst its

banks early in the day, swamping the site.

Police officers and firemen used inflatable dinghies to rescue the campers, but the camp site owner said the bungalows had been badly damaged.

At Porthdillan, two men from Stoke-on-Trent were winched on board an RAF helicopter from a 22-foot yacht that was dragging anchor.

Attack on rates proposals

The TUC yesterday described the Government's proposals for reforming the rating system as striking at the principles of local democracy in their political approach and "an ill considered and unworkable basis for reform."

The TUC condemnation comes in response to a Green Paper, *Pay for Local Government*. It calls on the Government to withdraw the paper and think again on the basis of the 1976 Layfield committee report.

Its response sees danger in the proposal to phase out domestic rates over a period of up to 10 years and replace it by a flat-rate community charge, payable by all adults.

"The community charge amounts to nothing more than a poll tax which will bear hardest on those on low incomes and will be extremely problematic to administer," the TUC memorandum says.

It says the proposed uniform business rate would undermine local democracy by reducing the ability of councils to determine the level of service in their own areas.

"Local authorities will find it increasingly difficult to function under a system in which there is no clear link between the distribution of finances and resource needs."

Staffordshire's 800 firemen are to boycott a Home Office inspection of the county's fire and rescue service next month in protest at government plans to study its service's cost effectiveness.

They will refuse to carry out drills and exercises for the Home Office inspector in an action which has the support of the controlling Labour group on the county council.

TUC Congress at Brighton Print talks 'defuse' debate

By Nicholas Beeston

A new round of talks between management and unions over the dispute at Mr Rupert Murdoch's plant at Wapping, east London, is expected to be in progress when the issue is debated next Monday at the TUC Congress opens in Brighton.

Mr Bill O'Neill, News International's chief negotiator, will return to London on Friday from New York for a meeting with representatives of the printing unions in an attempt to find a basis for a settlement to the seven-month dispute.

The newly convened talks were agreed last month when the general secretary of the electricians' union, Mr Eric

Hammond, met Mr Murdoch in New York.

That meeting came after an offer last June was rejected by the two printing unions, Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association.

Mr Hammond's members are working in the Wapping plant, and the NGA has called on the electricians to stop or face expulsion from the TUC.

The debate on the NGA motion, which was widely expected to dominate and divide the congress, could be a less disruptive affair if the printing unions are in the midst of considering a new offer from Mr Murdoch.

The last offer to the 5,500 printing workers, who were dismissed after going on strike, was of £50 million compensation and the old Times offices in central London. That offer has been withdrawn by News International, but the new talks could take some of the sting out of the TUC debate.

The printing union leaders are voicing concern that the new round of peace talks could be used to deflate a potentially fiery encounter at Brighton.

The TUC has made clear that important discussions on nuclear power, a statutory minimum wage and trade union law cannot afford to be shelved for the sake of the Wapping dispute.

Tory takes key labour post

By A Staff Reporter

A member of the Conservative Party and the Conservative Trade Unionists dismissed suggestions yesterday that his political affiliations would affect his position on a key TUC committee.

Mr Jim Gregson, the law and parliamentary committee chairman of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalگو), was appointed by the union to the TUC's local government committee in July.

His selection is expected to upset other unions, because the committee will be working closely with the Labour Party on drawing up a joint strategy on local government matters for the next general election.

Mr Gregson, aged 57, a Nalگو member in the North-west for 41 years, joined the Conservative Trade Unionists in 1978. He said: "I do not regard myself any more a spy

for Nalگو at the TUC than a spy for the TUC at Nalگو. Nalگو is a non-political union, not affiliated to the Labour Party."

He denied that he was politically minded. But he would not disclose the position he holds within the Conservative Party.

Nalگو broke with tradition earlier this year and selected a member with less service, but without Mr Gregson's Tory links, to a vice-president's post. Mr Gregson, who has been a member of Nalگو's national executive council for 11 years, contested the decision but lost.

It is understood Nalگو believed it could not break with convention again when the chairmanship of the law and parliamentary committee became available. The post carries with it a seat on the TUC local government committee.

Mr Gregson, a principal administrative officer with Lancashire County Council, said that he did not expect any difficulties in his new post, but admitted that he was probably the most high-ranking Tory within the TUC hierarchy.

"I think a lot of people think Conservatives and trade unions are a contradiction in terms. If that were so, the Conservative Party would never get elected," he said.

As chairman of one Nalگو committee and a member of two others, he was "used to wearing different hats". He said that his left-wing colleagues saw his appointment as "quite natural".

He did not expect other committee members to hold back sensitive information about TUC policy. The local government committee has not met since his appointment.

World chess championship Standing ovation as game is drawn

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The penultimate game of the London leg of the World Chess Championship was agreed drawn after the forty-first move on Monday.

The brilliant duel between the two Soviet grandmasters was greeted by a standing ovation from the audience when the draw was agreed just before 10pm.

The game had been a wild, fluctuating, knife-edge struggle where at first Karpov and then Kasparov appeared to have chances to score a decisive victory.

The opening, yet another Grunfeld Defence, duplicated that of game nine. Karpov's thirteenth move deviated slightly from the earlier model and his stunning fifteenth move broke fresh territory.

Offering the sacrifice of Rook for Knight, Karpov would have obtained an overwhelming initiative if Black had accepted the sacrifice with 5 hxc6, 16 Nc7-Kh8, 17 Nxc6.

Kasparov wisely declined this Greek gift. After move twenty many experts were predicting that the White attack would be decisive. But Kasparov struck back with an unexpected counter attack involving his Queen and Knight.

On move twenty-four Karpov could have forced a draw by playing 24 Nxc6+. Instead he bravely played on for a win by capturing, but he appeared to overlook Kasparov's rook: a powerful move with his own Queen which prevented checkmate and threatened the White Rook.

Karpov pondered for 41 minutes before finding salvation with a sequence of moves that led to a mass of changes. In the resulting endgame Kasparov still held a

slight initiative and, in fact, Black went on to win a Pawn. But at the close of play Kasparov recognized that his extra Pawn was insufficient for victory and agreed to a draw without scaling a move.

The final game of the London leg (unless there is a time-out) will be played today.

The moves: White: Karpov

1 d4 Nf6 27 Nf4 Nc6
2 c4 g6 22 Nc2 Ch5
3 Nc3 c5 23 Nc6 Ch5
4 Bf4 Bg7 Nxg6
5 e3 c5 24 Qxc6 Qxc6
6 Qxc6 Qxc6 25 Rf7 Rf7
7 Rf1 Qc7 26 Qc7 Nf5
8 Bc4 Q-0 27 Ng5 Ch7
9 Nc3 Qxc5 28 Nc6 Nc7
10 Bb3 Nc5 29 Nc7 Nf6
11 Q-0 Qc5 30 Nc6 Nc8
12 Nd3 Bc5 31 Nc4 exd2
13 Qc2 Nc4 32 Rf2 f5
14 Nc5 e5 33 Nc8 e4
15 Rxc8 exd4 34 Kg8 e4
16 Rf7 Rf6 35 Rf2 Rf8
17 Qc1 Qc5 36 Kg4 Bf4
18 Nc7 Ch7 37 Rf2 Bc8
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Aircraft in crash cleared

By Rodney Cowton

British Aerospace is expected to resume production of its Hawk 200 fighter after a Ministry of Defence inquiry found that the crash of the prototype almost two months ago was not caused by a technical fault.

The company said yesterday that an investigation of the wreckage had not shown any evidence of malfunction or structural failure before impact. The read-out from the accident data recorder showed no sign of warnings or engine malfunction.

The inquiry concluded that the most likely explanation for the accident was a momentary loss of orientation by the pilot, Mr Jim Hawkins, who was killed.

The Hawk 200 is a development of the Hawk jet trainer which is in service with the Royal Air Force. Intended for sale to Third World countries, the prototype had been flown by four pilots on 27 flights lasting a total of nearly 28 hours.

It was the only Hawk 200 built by BAe. The company has continued work on the project, but has not yet started assembling a second aircraft.

Tornado fighter seeks US sale

A new version of the Tornado fighter-bomber, now in service with the Royal Air Force and in West Germany and Italy, could be sold to the United States Air Force.

The new aircraft, the Tornado ECR (electronic combat and reconnaissance variant), is being developed for the West German Air Force to destroy air defences, disrupt electronic systems and carry out reconnaissance.

It is estimated that the US could require up to 150 aircraft to fulfil a similar role in the next five years.

The Tornado manufacturer, Panavia, which represents the three partner nations, is seeking a US company to take the lead in promoting the sale of Tornado to the Americans.

It is argued that Tornado is the only suitable aircraft with an ability to operate around the clock, in all weather and at low altitudes.

However, it will be difficult to persuade the Americans to choose a European aircraft to replace their ageing Wild Weasels, and they may wish to install US electronic equipment. The US Air Force is also looking at the possibility of adapting two existing combat aircraft to an ECR role.

Bus drivers stay off road

Thousands of people in Hull were either late for work or did not arrive at all yesterday because the 270 drivers with the city's new bus company were on strike.

The dispute began on Friday over the suspension of their union branch secretary.

700 Ulster tobacco jobs to go

By Richard Ford

Seven hundred workers are to lose their jobs in Northern Ireland with the announcement yesterday of the closure of a tobacco plant producing 18 million cigarettes a day.

The decision by Gallahers to shut its main factory in Belfast and concentrate production in Co Antrim, is a severe blow to the province's hard pressed manufacturing industry and its unemployment level, where 129,432 people are out of work.

The announcement may sway the 7,000 workers contemplating strike action at Shorts aircraft manufacturers, over the management's order for the removal of "loyalist" flags, emblems and bunting.

Leading Democratic Unionist Party politicians have met the management of the company with their own proposals on the issue. But Mr Peter Robinson, the DUP member for East Belfast, refused to give details of the proposals which they will now take to the employees. He said: "I am greatly concerned that action of an industrial type or another type might occur."

The demand by Shorts was backed by Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, who said unless the two communities in the province get alongside one another the future was grim and the sympathy in Britain and the rest of the world for Ulster would disappear.

He said Sir Phillip Foreman, had acted in behalf of all the workers and he trusted that people in the rest of the province would not "stir it up".

Dr Boyson said the closure of the tobacco plant was a "sad blow". But he welcomed Gallahers decision to keep their research and development facility in the province.

The shutdown will occur over the next two years with 200 jobs going to early retirement, 500 redundancies and another 450 being retained at the firm's modern plant in Ballymena.

Earlier this year Rothmans UK closed its plant in Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, and withdrew from the province, but yesterday Gallahers insisted that its decision did not herald the beginning of its withdrawal.

Treasury will lose £6m this year on TV levy

The Treasury is expected to lose £6 million this year because of the change in the formula for calculating the levy on the profits of independent broadcasters.

Three quarters of the independent television companies will gain an unexpected windfall profit from the change.

The Treasury loss is expected in spite of government assurances earlier this year that a new formula for calculating the levy would be "revenue neutral".

The bonus for the broadcasters comes after a decision by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, in March to cut the levy on the domestic profits of the broadcasters from 67 per cent to 45 per cent, while imposing a 25 per cent levy on profits made overseas, for the first time.

The new formula was not intended to increase or reduce the total amount collected.

According to a report to be published next week by Kleinwort Greaveson, the City brokers, the Government failed to predict that overseas earnings from programme sales would remain essentially flat this year, while domestic profits would increase sharply because of the 20 per cent increase in advertising sales.

"We're talking about 10 per cent of the levy being lost to the Treasury," Miss Bronwen Maddox, an analyst for Kleinwort said. In 1985, the Treasury collected a £40 million levy from the ITV companies.

The primary beneficiaries of the new levy formula are the regional companies who do not make many programmes for the ITV network.

London Weekend Television will realize an £800,000 gain because of the changed formula. But Thames Television, the largest ITV exporter of programmes, is expected to pay £500,000 more in levy than it would have under the old formula.

Aladdin's caves of fake luxuries destined for destruction

A record amount of perfume, leather clothes and luxuries, many with world-famous brand names, are held in investigators' secret stores in Britain waiting to be destroyed.

All the goods are counterfeit and held by private investigators pending the outcome of court actions for the destruction of the mountain of copies and imitations with a street value of up to £1 million.

One firm of trade investigators, Carratu International, of Cheam in Surrey, which specializes in anti-counterfeiting work, has seized a vast assortment of fakes in raids this year across Britain and the rest of Europe.

It has recovered 750,000 bottles of counterfeit perfume, 80,000 leather handbags, 5,000 pairs of women's leather shoes and 2,000 shirts with the names of popular makes illegally attached.

The company also has a further 1.5 million empty perfume bottles, more than 750,000 perfume boxes, numerous printing plates and six

miles of counterfeit cloth used for producing fake fashion bags.

Investigators work with solicitors and are armed with High Court orders, which allow the search and seizure and eventual destruction of suspect goods.

The searches are commissioned by the companies which lose prestige and millions of pounds worth of sales through the trade in counterfeit goods.

Several tons of counterfeit packaging is destined to be pulped and recycled, but the amount of



Mr Peter West, the doyen of television's cricket commentators, who reported his last test match for the BBC yesterday when rain reduced the final day's play between England and New Zealand at the Oval to one over.

Mr West, aged 65, retires from the BBC next month after 39 years. He began broadcasting on cricket on radio in 1947. His first television broadcast was made in 1952.

During his long career with the Corporation he was a member of the Wimbledon commentary team, and covered six successive Olympic

Games, beginning in London in 1948, but was also well known as the presenter of *Come Dancing for 15 years*.

Mr West, who was educated at Cranbrook School and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, was rugby correspondent of *The Times* from 1971 to 1982.

High-value luxury goods, such as perfumes, are the most popular targets for counterfeiters because of the large profits to be made. Because of the difficulty of disposing of counterfeit perfume it is often recycled for industrial use.

The Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that more counterfeit goods were probably coming to light because large firms falling victim to the swindlers were starting to employ investigators.

Closure threat to colliery

British Coal may close Cornie colliery in west Fife, Scotland, after a roof fall blocked the ventilation system and the route used to get coal to the surface.

Only maintenance workers were underground at the time on Sunday and they were not in danger.

Yesterday, after a meeting between colliery management and leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), it was announced that there was to be a full review of the pit's future.

The 490 workers will be redeployed to other collieries in the Fife coalfield. British Coal said it would allow the NUM to carry out its own investigation.

Production is down to about 2.3 tonnes a man-shift, below the 3-tonne target and the 5-tonne level reached by other pits.

Meanwhile, a delegation of miners, dismissed by the National Coal Board during the coal strike in 1984, and their families, delivered a letter to the Queen yesterday at Balmoral. They were protesting at the decision by British Coal not to re-employ the men.

Of 206 miners dismissed during or immediately after the strike, 93 have been re-employed.

Parties in 'dirty' hunt

Conservative Central Office and the Liberal by-election unit are both conducting an analysis of each other's campaigning tactics and alleged use of 'dirty' tricks, particularly in by-elections.

The Liberal report, which has been drafted by Mr Michael Meadowcroft, Liberal MP for Leeds West, will be submitted to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, soon and is likely to be published soon.

Conservative Party officials have been analysing what they regard as Liberal "dirty tricks" for some time and plan to publish a report within the next couple of months. No details are available.

Concern for the good name of politics is the spur behind the Liberal report and the imminent by-election in Knowsley North, on Merseyside, has lent new urgency.

The report tackles accusations that Liberals used smear tactics last month at Newcastle-under-Lyme but argues others are more unscrupulous.

Mr Meadowcroft points to Labour's use of propaganda on the rates, and accuses the Conservatives of sinking "even lower than usual".

He expects the Knowsley election will "not be the most delicate of campaigns". Others are using cruder words in their forecasts.

He said yesterday, however, that his main concern was the great danger in devolving political currency.

"Once you start doing that, none of us gains. The electorate gets brassed off and says 'they are all the same', turnout goes down, the political process falls into disrepute and there is a danger that people feel that process does not provide them with a healthy outlet."

"Then they feel that there is no reason why they should not turn to non-constitutional means."

But Mr Meadowcroft's report contains no suggestion of a code of conduct for by-elections, although he adds that Liberals have such a code not to print anything of which they would be ashamed.

When asked for evidence, Mr Meadowcroft said the last such item produced by the Conservatives had resembled an advertisement outside a theatre, taking one word from a criticism and twisting its meaning.

He referred to recent reports in *Liberal News*, which has published a reproduction of a Labour leaflet in a London council by-election suggesting a candidate lived, not in the constituency, but in a large, stockbroker-belt house.

At Knowsley, the Liberals are already campaigning hard, the Conservatives have chosen their candidate, but Labour has yet to do so.

The poll date has not been set.

Byline: Peter Davenport, Nicholas Beeston, Rodney Cowton, Richard Ford, A Staff Reporter, Mark Ellis.

Teachers at risk of pay cuts over work curbs

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers should have pay docked if they refuse to attend parent and staff meetings outside school hours, if they refuse to keep records on their pupils, and if they refuse to prepare lessons and mark school work outside school hours. That is the advice legal experts have given the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA).

The opinion, given by Mr James Goudie, QC, and Mr Alan Wilkie, a barrister, has been sent to each of the 104 education authorities in England and Wales and should strengthen considerably the employers' hands in dealing with future teacher disruption.

As part of last year's pay dispute teachers all over the country were refusing to do out-of-hours duties, which they said were voluntary.

That meant that for a long period they were refusing to meet parents or to attend any meetings outside the school day or to keep pupil profiles. Some are still maintaining that stance.

The local authority employers did nothing about it because it was not clear at the time whether the duties were part of teachers' contracts.

Now, as a result of the Scott judgement, which decided that teachers were contractually required to cover for absent colleagues, two legal experts are advising that teachers are also contractually required to perform a whole range of duties outside the school day including setting, marking and invigilating examinations.

The legal advice was sought by the Labour-controlled ILEA which has not been noted by firm handling of teachers' militancy. It is understood that the ILEA does not want to begin to dock pay for any failure to undertake duties and would rather negotiate a new contract with teachers to cover those issues.

The two lawyers say: "In the light of the reasoning [of the Scott judgement] it is clear that these activities do impose a contractual obligation. In our opinion, the ILEA ought now to make clear to the teachers that it regards these activities as imposing a contractual obligation upon them."

On the question of covering the classes of absent colleagues, the legal opinion makes clear that the ILEA cannot henceforth ignore teachers' refusal to undertake this duty. If it does, that could lead to "breaches of its fundamental statutory duties" and a breach of duty towards its ratepayers.

That advice is the reason why the ILEA, and other authorities, are so keen to negotiate a deal on cover with the teachers' unions on Monday. Otherwise the autumn term could begin with teachers still refusing to cover as a hangover of the pay dispute, and with parents much better equipped to bring a court case against the authority.

Experts criticize traditional breakfast

By Mark Dowd

One of the mainstays of English heritage, the full traditional breakfast, is in an ailing state of disrepair.

Research carried out by full-time professional inspectors for *Egon Ronay's Guides*, for the hotel and restaurant food survey to be published in November, contains some damning criticisms.

The chief inspector, who because of the nature of his work has to remain anonymous, said yesterday: "The average price of a hotel breakfast is in the region of £5 and upwards. That's a lot of money to be paying for frozen orange juice and in some cases, stale croissants."

There really was no excuse, for hotels declining to offer a choice, for example, between wholemeal and white toast, he added.

Even more lamentable was the small number of venues which could boast freshly squeezed orange juice. "Most places use that stuff in cartons which is mainly full of additives," he said.

"The trouble is that people don't take the time over the preparation of breakfast and they should do. After all, it's the mood that's meant to get you under way."

His comments follow the Institute of Directors' decision to launch its own breakfast at its Pall Mall headquarters from September 1.

The traditional English appetite breaker, black pudding and all, will be available between 8 and 9.30am to those heaving directors who wish to start their daily toil at a slightly earlier hour. It is expected to cost £7.50 with an additional service charge.

Although the full English breakfast is still largely available in most hotels which cater for businessmen, there appear to be surprisingly few London restaurants which offer the early morning feast.

One of them is the Cafe St Pierre Brasserie in Clerkenwell Green, south London, which opens its doors at 7.30am and charges £2.50.

Other traditional breakfast venues include branches of Justin de Blauk in Duke Street and Sloane Street, central London, prices £2.50 and £3.40 respectively, and the Cafe Delancey in Delancey Street, north-west London. Full breakfast there costs £3.20.

But perhaps the most renowned is a handsome Victorian public house on Chancery Lane, the City, the Fox and Anchor, which has been serving the whole standing assortment of bacon, eggs, sausages and mushrooms for as long as most people can remember.

Opening at 6am, its manager, Mr Seamus O'Connell, serves Guinness in addition to the customary breakfast beverages, courtesy of a special licensing arrangement, making it a particular favourite with the meat traders from Smithfield market.

For those of the vegetarian persuasion, Cranks, the health food chain, offers, among other breakfast items, millet and fruit porridge and muesli with honey or molasses at three of its four London restaurants, both priced £1.25.



RSPCA Chief Inspector Sid Jenkins, the star of a new six-part BBC documentary series *Animal Squad*, helping a lost kitten at the RSPCA hospital, Putney, west London yesterday. The series, which begins on BBC1 next Wednesday, follows Chief Inspector Jenkins and his team of five men for three months at Leeds, the RSPCA's busiest centre, and challenges the belief that Britain is a nation of animal lovers. (Photograph: Leslie Lee)

Portfolio Gold - Two share win of £12,000

Mr Timothy Haley, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Mrs S Hughes of Ruthin, North Wales, share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize, worth £12,000, as there were no winners last Friday or Saturday. Each will receive £6,000.

Mr Haley, aged 37, a freelance statistical consultant, had already calculated his prospects for winning the prize money, and was overjoyed at the news that his numbers had come up.

Colleagues who had made fun of his playing Portfolio now wished they had been doing so as well, he said.

Mr Haley, who will spend some of the money on a new car, said that he will continue playing Portfolio, not only for another attempt at the prize money but also because the game "adds spice to reading *The Times*".

Readers who have difficulty placing a Portfolio Gold card should send a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Mr Haley: calculated win.

Ex-policeman is jailed

George Hardy, a former Manchester policeman and now an alcoholic with more than 70 convictions for petty crime, was jailed for 28 days yesterday by Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London.

Hardy, aged 53, of Needham Avenue, Stratford, Manchester, had admitted damaging two windows at the Bible Reading Fellowship in Elizabeth Street, Westminster, in May.

Peak climbed in wheelchair

Ian Thompson, aged 22, who is disabled, yesterday completed the first climb in a wheelchair of England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, 3,210ft, in the Lake District. The feat took him three days.

Mr Thompson, from Hull, propelled himself in a specially designed wheelchair made by GEC apprentices in Rugby. Some of the apprentices accompanied him.

Staff paid to stop smoking

Birmingham council is to run five-week courses for employees wanting to give up smoking as part of a campaign to turn the city into a non-smoking area.

Costs of each weekly session will be shared, one hour being in the council's time and the other the employee's.

Affray charge

Six people appeared in court at Highbury Corner, London, yesterday charged with offences arising from the Notting Hill carnival. Four youths, one a juvenile, were charged with affray. A teenager was accused of attempted robbery and a youth charged with malicious wounding. They were all remanded on bail until September 9.

Stamp duty

New push-button stamp vending machines are to be installed at most main post offices in Britain. The Post Office said yesterday that the machines would be open for business 24 hours a day and customers could save 2p on a £1 book of first class stamps. A 50p book will also be available.

Fine weather

Ronald Jordan, aged 44, of 50 Squires Lane, Finchley, north London, was fined £25 with £10 costs at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday after admitting obstructing the highway at Leicester Square on August 24 while selling umbrellas.

Geldof inquiry

Police were yesterday investigating a complaint by a man who alleges he was stamped on and beaten by hired " heavies " at Boh Geldof's wedding blessing, at Faversham, Kent, at the weekend.

Overloaded courts Backlog cannot be cleared

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The workload of the civil and criminal courts in London and the South-east has risen by nearly a fifth, the Lord Chancellor's Department says, and that has ended for the time being any hope of reducing the crown courts' backlog of cases.

There is still an average waiting time of eleven and a half weeks for defendants in custody and seventeen and a half weeks on bail, figures released by the department show; in London that rises to nearly 16 weeks for defendants in custody and nearly 26 weeks for those on bail.

The problem has been compounded by a shortage of courtrooms, judges and staff to run them and the South Eastern circuit is seeking authority for building 12 extra temporary courts in the London area.

Courts are also being urged to make maximum use of computers "to ease the burden on staff" and to start their own "self-help" computerization schemes, such as those being carried out in Norwich and Bow, east London.

The figures are released as part of an article in the Lord Chancellor's Department journal, *Your Court*.

The article points out that the South Eastern circuit serves a population of 17 million and has nearly half the country's serious criminal cases in the crown court, a high proportion of the country's civil litigation and, "unhappily, the largest backlogs of work".

It has also faced the problem faced by all government departments of attracting staff to posts in and around London, the article says.

The circuit employs about 3,500 staff and has the largest circuit budget, £66 million a year.

Commitments for trial received in London: last year totalled 18,359, compared with 15,462 in 1984. Commitments for trial received in the South-eastern area outside London rose from 12,584 to 13,622.

In the High Court, 92,064 proceedings were started in the Queen's Bench Division, compared with 84,103 in 1984; and 13,897 in provincial district registries (12,936 in 1984).

The Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday that nine more judges were appointed to the South Eastern circuit last year; another 20 had been appointed this year.

At the same time, the computerization programme is under way with Staines chosen for the first comprehensive county court system, and Inner London Sessions for the comprehensive crown court system.

Computers are also in use in the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand.

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Ovett sportswear firm stops trading

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The sportswear company of Steve Ovett has officially ceased trading, as the British runner prepares to compete tomorrow in the European Championships in Stuttgart.

Mr Andrew Sainsbury, of Edward Leask, a Portsmouth firm of chartered accountants which acts for the Commonwealth champion, said yesterday that Ovett Sports Limited was not being wound up.

"At the moment it is dormant while future enterprises are being considered. There is no question of the company going into voluntary liquidation," Mr Sainsbury said.

It is out the first time that Ovett, the former Olympic gold medal winner, has had trouble in business. Ovett Limited, the predecessor of Ovett Sports Limited, went into voluntary liquidation in 1984 owing £37,000 to 34 creditors.

But Mr Sainsbury said that the new company, which has been the subject of complaints from customers about the quality of goods and the punctuality of delivery, can meet all its financial commitments to creditors.

He would not say exactly how much was owed to creditors, or whether the company itself owed money to Ovett and his wife, Rachel, the two registered directors. "That is a question for the shareholders," Mr Sainsbury said.

The company, which marketed track suits with Ovett's emblem, was launched in 1984 and last year obtained the contract to supply official souvenir clothing for the London Marathon.

It has recently concentrated on mail-order deliveries but none of three athletics magazines, *Running*, *Athletics Today* and *Athletics Weekly* advertise the goods. Mr Tim Green, the advertisement director of *Athletics Weekly*, said this week: "We have never carried advertisements from Ovett Sports Ltd because of the way the company started."

Mr Sainsbury confirmed that the company had now left its Brighton premises and was operating from a Post Office box number.

Quarter of freed lifers reoffend

More than a quarter of prisoners released on life licence in 1974-79 were convicted within five years of further offences, according to Home Office statistics yesterday. (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes.)

Most so released had originally been convicted of murder or manslaughter.

In 1974-84, a total of 807 people were released for the first time on life licence. About 80 per cent of them had been jailed for murder, 10 per cent for manslaughter.

By the end of 1984, 158 of them had been reconvicted, 25 for a grave offence.

About 40 per cent of those reconvicted had stolen or handled stolen goods and 20 per cent had committed crimes of violence.

Of the 807 released, 116 had been recalled and 9 given a further life sentence.

The statistical bulletin says, however, that the reconviction rates for those released from life sentences are much lower than the average for all those released from custody.

Home Office Statistics Bulletin, *Home Office Statistics Bulletin: Convictions and Records of Life Licencees* (Statistical Department, Home Office, Lunn House, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 9YD, £2.50).

Sharp rise in London sex crimes

Sex offences, street crimes and burglaries in London have increased in the first six months of this year compared with the corresponding period last year, according to the latest Metropolitan Police figures. (A Staff Reporter writes.)

The biggest increase has been in the number of muggings, from 4,118 to 4,693, closely followed by the rise in sex offences, which include rape, indecent assault, and unlawful sexual intercourse with under-age girls, buggery, bigamy and gross indecency with children.

Earlier this year Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, told the Government that he needed an extra 3,800 police officers to keep London "comparatively safe". He was allocated 1,200 officers to be phased in over the next four years.

Half-yearly figures for the capital show that sex offences have risen from 1,709 to 1,865 and Scotland Yard records a rise of 24,172 in serious offences reported to the police.

Assaults are up by 7 per cent from 9,547 to 10,235 and burglaries show a rise of 2 per cent from 78,262 to 79,990.

Drugs father wins battle to keep son

A father with a history of taking hard drugs has won his fight to bring up his young son.

Two judges in the Court of Appeal yesterday rejected an appeal by the boy's schizophrenic mother against a High Court ruling giving care and control of her son to his father.

Lord Justice Balcombe said it was a question of deciding whether the boy, aged six,

would be better with his father, who had a history of taking drugs, his mother, or his grandparents.

With the support of social workers, Deputy Judge Roger Gray, QC, decided in July he would be better with his father.

They could find nothing wrong with the delicate "balancing act" he had to carry out.

Married sex proving a disaster for thousands

Sex is proving to be a "disaster area" for thousands of married couples, according to the National Marriage Guidance Council. Many couples live in secret divorce, married but never, or hardly ever, sleeping together, it believes.

Mrs Zelda West-Meads, spokeswoman for the council, which deals with 42,000 cases a year, says that while people complain about immorality and sex before marriage, many find there is not much sex afterwards.

In a council bulletin, released today, she says: "There are thousands of couples for whom sex after marriage is either infrequent, non-existent or a disaster area."

"They go from wanting to make love every day, to only once a week, to once a month or even less. And they cannot work out what is wrong."

One marriage in three ended in divorce, but that was just "the tip of the iceberg" because of the numbers living in secret divorce.

Sexual problems are usually symptoms of relationship difficulties. Mrs West-Meads says some of the most common contributory causes are:

● Over-familiarity. "So many couples, once they marry, start taking each other for granted."

● Mother-father figures. "Others slip into a kind of relationship where one of them assumes the role of parent. The woman mothers the man or the man becomes the father figure. The result is they both feel uneasy about each other."

● Forbidden fruit syndrome. "When it is not allowed it is more attractive, but it loses the desirability when it becomes legal."

● Sex to make babies. "For many women, particularly, sex is unconsciously associated with having babies. It is a matter of procreation not recreation."

● Too-tired mother. "A lot of women go off lovmaking after having a baby because they are too tired. It can then become a habit that is hard to break."

● Workaholic husband. "Men can become more devoted to their work than their wives."

● Boring routine. "Leaving lovmaking to the end of the day, in the same place and the same way, is the final kiss of death, because then you are too tired or too bored to enjoy each other fully."

Super Prix organizers 'delighted'

By Craig Seton

More than 80,000 people bought tickets to watch Birmingham's rain-lashed motor-racing "Super Prix" according to its organizers, who yesterday promised that the event would be bigger and better next year.

Birmingham City Council invested £1.5 million in Britain's first attempt to stage motor racing on public roads, and yesterday it released details of ticket sales to counter suggestions that the two-day event had been a loss-making disappointment.

The main race, a 51-lap round of the Formula 3000 championship, had to be abandoned at the half-way stage when several racing cars crashed during torrential rain.

But Mr John Charlton, chairman of the city's road race committee, said the event was "a remarkable achievement" and that they were "delighted".

He described police estimates that only 20,000 spectators attended on the second day as "ridiculously low".

Figures showed that 26,000 people bought tickets for practice sessions on Sunday and that 55,000 tickets were sold for the main event on Monday. Mr Charlton said a further 19,000 local residents and people working within the enclosed areas watched the racing.

He said the city faced a £400,000 deficit on its investment in the event, but that had been expected. The Bill that had been necessary to allow Birmingham to close public roads for the racing allowed for a five-year period to recover costs.



A final grooming yesterday from Mr Stephen Way, the hair artist, for the finalists in this year's Miss Peers contest, which takes place at the Savoy Hotel, central London, today. They are (from left): Hamie Eriksen, of Rowford, Essex, Lynsey Savies, of Chatham, Kent, both aged three; Rebecca Evans, aged five, of Wrexham; Hannah Phillips, of Quorn, Leicestershire; Hayley Clinton, of Hull, both aged three; and Kirsty Knight, aged five, of Drepghora, near Irvine, Strathclyde.

Round the world on Concorde for £10,000

By Trudi McIntosh

A round-the-world holiday trip by Concorde for travellers with at least £10,000 to spend will be available this winter.

The "ultimate winter adventure cocooned in luxury", as it is being described by the organizers, will begin in London on February 20 and return on March 8.

Its eastern route will take in Cairo, Delhi, Singapore, Bali, Sydney, Fiji, Hawaii, Las Vegas and Nassau.

Later holidays will take the more unusual westward route of New Orleans, San Francisco, Honolulu, Shanghai, Rangoon, Bangkok, Singapore and the Maldives.

Horizon Travel, the third biggest operator, is offering reductions of up to £71 on some of its skiing holiday packages.

Horizon is also offering an extra 20,000 winter sun holidays to cope with an overall increase in bookings, which are up by 35 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Mr David Cockerton, the company's managing director, said yesterday that the ongoing price war would intensify only if Thomson and Intasun also introduced price cuts on their skiing holidays.

More people than ever before are deciding to escape Britain's winter, according to Thomson Travel, Britain's biggest tour operator, which expects to have a 45 per cent share of winter holidays this year.

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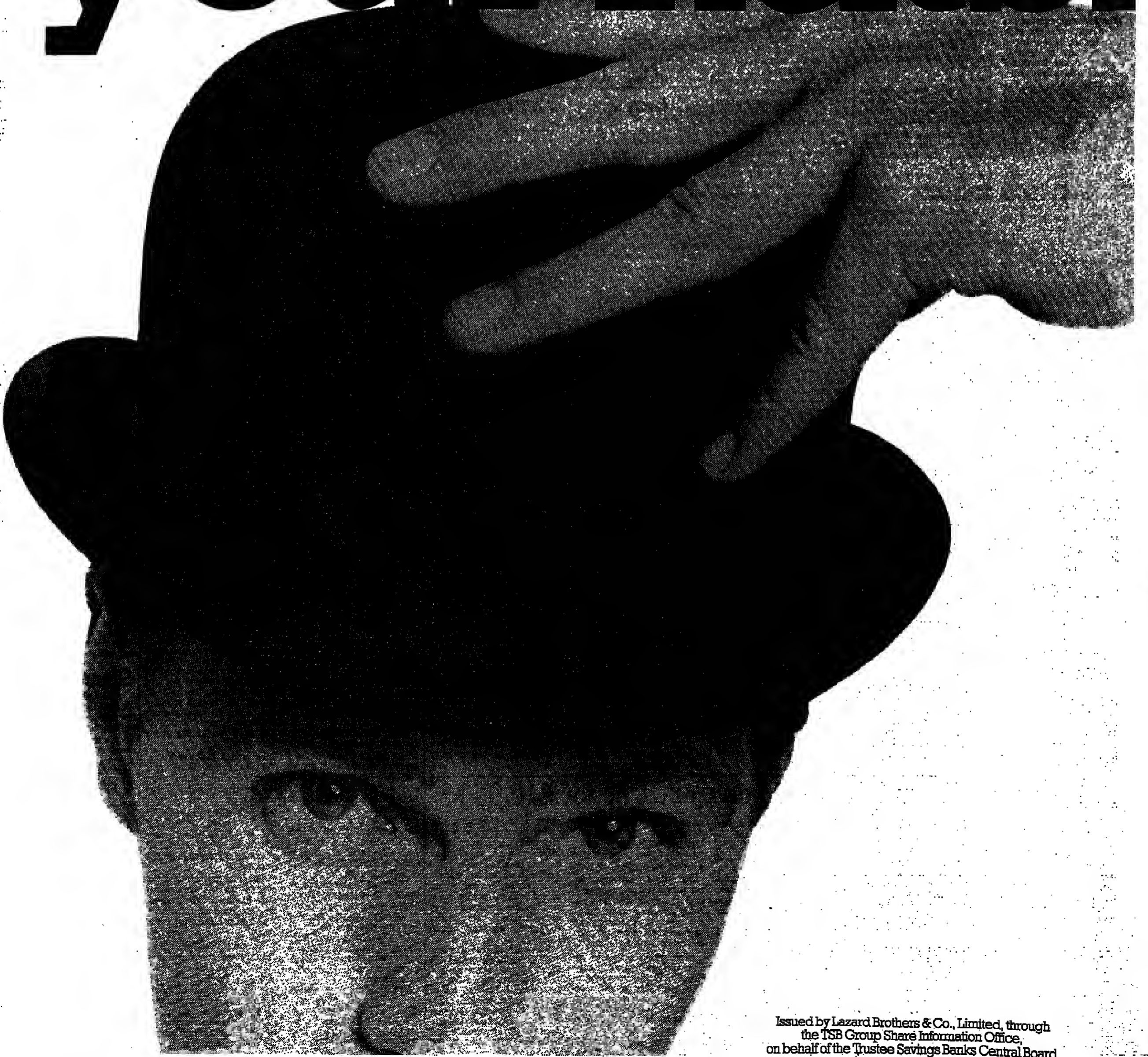
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Successful Peres visit to West Africa

Cameroon and Israel renew diplomatic ties after 13-year silence

Yaoundé (Reuter) — Israel and Cameroon restored relations yesterday after a 13-year official silence.

"The two sides decided to renew diplomatic relations," Mr David Kimche, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said after a joint news conference in the Cameroonian capital given by the leaders of the two countries.

He said Israel placed great importance on the restoring of diplomatic relations with Cameroon, one of 29 African countries that severed ties during the 1973 Middle East war.

Before the announcement, Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, told reporters travelling with him on his two-day visit to the West African state that President Biya of Cameroon had said that leaders of several other African countries were also ready to renew relations with Israel.

Cameroon is the fourth West African country to re-establish ties with Israel following Zaire, Liberia and the Ivory Coast.

Mr Biya said during the visit that Cameroon's breaking of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1973 had a "time limit".

He praised Israel's return of the Sinai to Egypt under the terms of their peace agreement and said the interests of the Cameroonian state had to be considered.

Israeli radio said the two leaders, in a joint statement, denounced apartheid in South Africa and expressed concern about events there. They also called for a Middle East peace solution based on United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338, which are not accepted by Israel's Arab antagonists.

Mr Kimche said the two leaders reached agreements on defence, agriculture, trade and industry, tourism, construction and communications.

Informal relations between the two countries have existed since 1981. They intensified when Mr Biya, a Roman Catholic, took over from the former President, Mr Amadou Ahidjo, a Muslim, in 1982.

Mr Peres said on Monday that Israel had trained some units of the Cameroonian Army and had supplied it with military equipment.

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials said military personnel from Israel had been secretly helping Cameroon rebuild its security forces since Mr Biya put down a coup attempt in 1984.

"Israeli military personnel are at present in Cameroon and involved in training and arming its security forces," an official said.

He denied, however, any suggestion that Israel had a hand in suppressing the coup.

Other Israeli sources said President Moi of Kenya had rejected tentative Israeli approaches about a possible meeting with Mr Peres on his trip home.

Mr Peres is the first Israeli head of state to visit West Africa in 20 years.

His visit was overshadowed by a volcanic gas eruption in north-west Cameroon, in which at least 1,200 people died.

Mr Stanley Hinrichsen, aged 52, with his wife, Renate, and their babies, South Africa's first test-tube quadruplets, Mr Hinrichsen was murdered by intruders at his luxury home in Cape Town on Monday night (AP reports).

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Pretoria stops lorry searches

Johannesburg (Reuter) — South Africa said yesterday that it was halting from today border searches of traffic carrying exports from Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Zimbabwe's national news agency, Ziara, reported earlier that South Africa had stepped up the border searches, causing delays of at least 30 hours per truck.

Customs officers began time-consuming inspections of exports from Zambia and Zimbabwe that cross South Africa three weeks ago. Both black-ruled states are at the forefront of a campaign for economic sanctions against Pretoria because of its apartheid policy.

The searches were widely interpreted as part of an economic war of nerves over the sanctions issue, but the South African Government said they were imposed to compile a statistical picture of trade with the two countries.

The Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, said in a parliamentary reply yesterday that Pretoria had from time to time held discussions with Zimbabwe on the effect sanctions would have on South Africa's neighbours.

South African freight agents at the border town of Messina said there were no long queues at the inspection point.

The Ziara report came as senior officials of the 101-nation Non-Aligned Movement met in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, to prepare for the organization's eighth summit next week.

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Violence mars Bangladesh polling

From Ahmed Fazl Dhaka

Gunmen wearing badges of the ruling Jatiyo Party threw out opposition supporters and took over polling stations in Dhaka as violence yesterday marred by-elections to fill eight seats in the 330-member Bangladesh Parliament, according to polling officials.

Firecracker explosions kept voters away from several polling stations in the capital's Western constituency, which was being fought by the Interior Minister, retired Major General Mahmudul Hasan.

As police stood watching, lorryloads of thugs entered voting centres.

About 600 people were arrested on Monday night, raising to more than 2,500 the number detained in the past week, opposition sources said.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, leader of the Awami League, said that she and her sister could not vote in city polling centres because they found that their ballots had already been cast.

Troops were called out in Gopalganj, in southern Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina's home town.

More rivers of blood ahead in Africa's forgotten war

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

On August 26, 1966, South African helicopters spotted a guerrilla training camp in the dry and dusty Namibian bush, and in the ensuing clash two of the guerrillas died and 27 were captured. So began one of the world's longest-running and least reported conflicts.

Nuclear fear hits Poland's tourism

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Poland has lost some \$4 million in tourist revenue since the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, it was officially announced yesterday.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government spokesman, said that about 40,000 trips were cancelled in May and June, though he emphasized that tourism was picking up again.

Accusing the Western media of blowing out of all proportion the "alleged health hazards of coming to eastern Europe", Mr Urban said some tourists had merely postponed their visit to Poland and the final losses could be smaller by the end of the year.

About 7,000 West Germans had cancelled their planned holidays in Poland, as had some 3,000 Americans.

Hungary has suffered similar losses to its tourist trade from the West, although it has managed to make up some of the shortfall with a huge influx of visitors to watch the first Formula One Grand Prix to be held in Budapest.

A Hungarian official said: "The situation is comparable to England, where American cancellations because of fears of terrorist attack were balanced out by a huge interest in the wedding of Prince Andrew."

Poland has not benefited from any particular tourist attraction.

However, the question of Soviet compensation for Chernobyl appears to have been dropped from the agenda. It certainly was not discussed during a round of Polish-Soviet economic talks in Moscow and Warsaw this week.

Chernobyl compensation seems to have come in the form of a Soviet commitment to buying 400 tonnes of Polish beef, with the real prospect of buying up to another 12,000 tonnes, at current Western prices.

Moscow is a big beef importer and will be correspondingly less keen on Western markets. It aims to make up for the meat and other food products that Poland could not sell to the West following the European Community ban on imports after Chernobyl. Poland estimates that it lost between \$35 and \$50 million as a result of the food ban.

Poland's nuclear programme is proceeding according to plan, Mr Urban said, denying at the same time that there was any intention of building a huge reactor in the Kampinos forest outside Warsaw. The plan until the year 2,000 is to complete work on a reactor on the Baltic coast and build three other plants.

Spanish atom power plant closed down

Madrid — Spain's Nuclear Safety Council (CSN) has ordered the closure of the Asco II nuclear power station until the cause of frequent malfunctions of safety valves is known, according to reports published here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The Asco II reactor, near the east coast city of Tarragona, has been troubled by a series of breakdowns of automatic elements, particularly valves in the steam generator system, since it began operating last October.

Officials of Fecsa, the company that operates the station, said there had been no escape of radioactivity, and the Ministry of Industry and Energy reassured Spaniards that the malfunctions had not endangered neighbouring populated areas.

A Fecsa spokesman referred to the malfunctions as "teething problems" and maintained that the numerous shut-downs were for precautionary, not emergency, reasons.

Among those called in to investigate the recurring malfunctions are two CSN inspectors and a technician from the American company that installed the valves.

Third death

Huntsville (Reuter) — Chester Lee Wicker, aged 37, who killed a young woman by burying her alive on a beach, has been executed by lethal injection, the third death row inmate put to death in Texas during the past week.

Mother's love

Moscow (AP) — A 34-year-old mother was killed shielding her two sons from debris when the roof of a rural village cafe collapsed on them during a storm, the newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya* reported.

Fare swindle

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Ninety bus drivers and conductors in the south China city of Canton have been dismissed for pocketing fares.

Fatal card

Bangkok (Reuter) — Seven people including a pregnant woman were shot dead when a quarrel erupted while they were playing cards at a house in central Thailand.

Fowl deed

Lima (Reuter) — Left-wing guerrillas hijacked a truck containing 1,000 frozen chickens and drove it to a shantytown north of the Peruvian capital, where they distributed the food to the inhabitants.

Basque attack misses convoy

Madrid — Civil Guard policemen in the Spanish Basque country escaped serious injury in terrorist bomb attempts for the second day in succession yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The latest incident occurred near San Sebastian, when a shrapnel-packed bomb went off as a convoy of three Civil Guard Land-Rovers passed by on a lonely country road.

The terrorists mistimed the explosion, however, apparently touching the remote control button a split second after the convoy had passed the bomb spot.

Syria fears Gadaffi might provoke another US raid

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Mr Assad has now returned to Damascus, where the Syrian news agency said he had also held discussions in Libya with leaders of the pro-Syrian faction of the PLO. Both the Libyans and the Syrians announced that they gave their support to Colonel Abu Moussa's Palestinian guerrilla movement.

Such token political expressions, however, are unlikely to conceal President Assad's real concern: that Colonel Gadaffi may be throwing away all discretion and provoking another US air raid on Libya.

The Syrians, who are far more worried about the broadening conflict in the Gulf than about America's naval manoeuvres with the Egyptians, want to make sure that neither Libya nor America embroils the area in a new conflict when they feel that attention in fact should be concentrated on the region of the Gulf and its long-standing conflict.

Further American reports that the Pentagon has plans for possible air raids against Libya, on a scale greater than that employed in April this year, when US jets bombed Tripoli and Benghazi, have been read with deep concern in Damascus.

The Egyptian Air Force is also involved in the "Sea Winds" manoeuvres. The operations will combine 70 American aircraft from the carrier *Forrestal* with Soviet-made MiGs, Chinese-manufactured F7s and French Mirage flown by Egyptian pilots.

In the days of President Sadat such exercises were conducted with maximum publicity. Today, when Mr Mubarak does not wish to emphasize such co-operation, both the Egyptians and the Americans are maintaining an almost total silence on the manoeuvres.

18 die as Sri Lankan peace talks continue

Colombo (Reuter) — At least 18 people have been killed in separatist violence in Sri Lanka, as peace talks continued between the Government and Tamil moderates, security officials and residents said yesterday.

Officials said seven guerrillas were killed when a security patrol fired at rebels attempting to set off bombs in the Northern Province. Two soldiers were also killed.

Four rebels were killed in a gunbattle following a landmine explosion in Batticaloa district and five others were killed by security forces in other eastern areas, the Information Department said.

The deaths were reported as talks continued between the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) and the Government of President Jayewardene on a plan to end the conflict between the Tamil minority and majority Sinhalese.

The TULF Secretary-General, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, said he asked Mr Jayewardene yesterday to stop Army shelling in Jaffna town, a Tamil stronghold, but the President replied that the Army was only reacting to rebel mortar fire.

At least five civilians were killed and 18 wounded on Sunday in an exchange of mortar rounds between the guerrillas and Army garrisons in Jaffna fort and other camps in the area.

A military spokesman said Jaffna was quiet yesterday. "There have been no attacks at the fort in the past few hours, but we are on alert expecting the rebels to regroup and launch fresh raids."

The Government has said guerrillas have attacked the Jaffna camps to disrupt the talks.

In Batticaloa, Citizens' Committee officials said nine civilians were missing after they were arrested by security forces.

They were among a group attending a funeral who were confronted by security forces after the landmine explosion, which occurred in the same area, a committee spokesman said.

Mr Donald Mendis, the Batticaloa security forces commander, said police commandos arrested several people. "Those missing could well be among them."

Chirac fury at French fire-fighting system

Paris — In an unexpected visit to fire-devastated areas of the south of France yesterday, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, roundly condemned France's fire-fighting system as "totally deficient", and promised new measures to help prevent future forest fires (Diana Geddes writes).

M Chirac singled out for particular criticism the system of communications used.

"It is altogether paradoxical that a country which has developed the Rita communications system, which has been adopted by the American Army, should have no more than a couple of pieces of string for ensuring its own communications in tackling fires," he said.

Four people have died and 35 have been badly injured in horrendous fires which have devastated more than 21,000 acres of brush and woodland and destroyed several villages along the Côte d'Azur over the past few days.

All were reported to have been brought under control yesterday. Rain is now forecast for the area.

Roberto Radtke, a 19-year-old German, accused of starting one of the fires.

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Cautious SDP leader seeks to satisfy party critics

Rau promises to get rid of US missiles and nuclear energy

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Johannes Rau, the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate for Chancellor in the West German general election in January, in the most detailed statement of his policies so far, promised yesterday that as Chancellor he would seek the removal of US missiles from his country, end the agreement with the US over the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) and phase out nuclear energy.

Behind the platform, for the sake of the television cameras, is a huge slogan-reading: "We Social Democrats, with Johannes Rau, a secure and social future for all."

Not all Social Democrats are in fact with him. Many suspect him of not being enthusiastic enough about getting rid of American missiles and ending nuclear energy. Their voices are expected to be heard in a debate on energy today and on defence tomorrow.

Such a withdrawal has the support of the whole party and arouses little dispute in the moderate centre of West German politics.

He left it unclear whether

the one would be dependent on the other, or what he meant by "reduction" of SS20s.

He also reaffirmed the SPD's commitment to Nato and to the United States as West Germany's most important ally - neither of which is of much interest to an increasing number in the SPD.

There is no doubt, however, that he meant precisely what he said about getting out of West German participation in SDI research.

Herr Rau's speech yesterday appeared on the face of it to go a long way to satisfy them. But he linked his demand for the removal of the American cruise and Pershing missiles to a demand for the reduction of Soviet SS20 missiles in Eastern Europe.

On nuclear power, Herr Rau was again cautious. He devoted a lot of his speech to the issue, but his policy amounted to a cautious promise of more research into, and

investment in, alternative energy sources, and more use of domestic coal and of energy-saving.

Herr Rau sounded most confident on home economic issues. "We will make the battle against unemployment our most important task," he said. In a reference to the claim that there is simply no majority for the SPD in the country, he said: "A majority exists for a determined fight against unemployment and for the environmental renewal of our economy. This is the majority we must fight for."

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Chancellor Kohl of West Germany (left) holding an umbrella summit with President Mitterrand of France as he welcomes him at Frankfurt airport.

They then repaired to a secret venue for their talks yesterday, called at short notice by M Mitterrand (AP reports from Frankfurt).

Officials refused to discuss the venue



Witnesses to burning of couple arrested

From Lake Sagaris Santiago

A Chilean military prosecutor has ordered the arrest and detention of three key witnesses in the case of the burning of Senator Rodrigo Rojas and Senator Carmen Quintana during protests against the military Government last month.

Senor Rojas, a US resident, died from his injuries and Senator Quintana is still fighting for her life.

The prosecutor ordered the arrests of Senator Quintana's sister, Emilia, and her husband, saying it was to ensure their appearance when tried. The couple has already testified voluntarily three times.

Their detentions followed Friday's arrest of another key witness, Senor Pedro Martinez, whose lawyers sought urgent medical attention for him after he appeared in the military court that afternoon in what one magazine called a "deplorable state".

Also on Friday, a fourth witness, Senor Jorge Sanhueza, was kidnapped and questioned for several hours.

Lawyers and relatives say the incidents are attempts to make witnesses change their testimonies that a military patrol deliberately set fire to the two.

Gulf states meet

Arab concern over widening of war

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Foreign and oil ministers of Arab Gulf states gathered in Saudi Arabia last night to discuss how they could best withstand Iranian threats and prevent a further widening of the Gulf War.

Their meeting, in the small town of Abha, took place amid growing Arab fears that Iraq might stage another long-range air raid on Iran's oil terminal at Sirri Island or even against the newest Iranian oil loading facility at Larak Island.

Repeated Iranian assertions that a new offensive is about to be launched against Iraq have injected a sense of urgency into what would otherwise be a routine meeting of Gulf Co-operation Council Ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

since Iranian retaliation could always be directed against them.

Iranian warnings that Arab Gulf states could be harmed if they co-operated by refuelling Iraqi aircraft on long-range missions have been taken very seriously by the GCC.

Iran's latest campaign against Iraq's oil exports continued yesterday when a military spokesman in Baghdad announced that Iraqi jets had raided pumping stations at two oilfields in the Khuzistan province of Iran.

Only a few hours earlier it had become known that a Bahraini tug-boat, the Abu Adil, had been sunk by an Iraqi missile 70 miles south of the Iranian Kharg Island oil terminal with the loss of four of its crew.

The German captain and two Filipino deckhands survived the attack, which may have been directed at a super-tanker called the Mistra.

With his arm in a sling, Mr Juan Simoy, one of the two Filipino survivors, has described from his hospital bed in Bahrain how his four colleagues died trapped beneath the decks as the tug-boat sank.

"I was sleeping in my cabin because I was off duty," he said.

"I did not hear anything - the next thing I knew the cabin was full of smoke."

The figure for the first three weeks of August was 9,241,

Bonn influx growing

Bonn - As the West German Cabinet met last night on the issue of asylum seekers, the Interior Ministry issued the latest figures on the mainly Third World citizens entering the country (Frank Johnson writes).

almost the same as that for the whole of July (9,710).

Chancellor Kohl will report on the Cabinet meeting at a press conference today. His Government is expected to discuss the issue further at a meeting next month with the Länder (regional) governments

China 'largest supplier of weapons to Iran'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

China has become the largest supplier of weapons to Iran, US officials say. During the past six months it has delivered at least \$300 million (£200 million) worth of missiles and other military equipment.

The Reagan Administration is deeply concerned about this development, which it believes may decisively upset the balance in the Gulf War. Washington has been trying to persuade other governments not to give any arms to Iran, which it constantly accuses of intransigence and refusing to agree to a negotiated settlement with Iraq.

Winston Lord, the US Ambassador in Peking.

China has informally told US officials that any arms it gives to Iran are justified because Tehran is using the weapons to aid the anti-Soviet guerrillas in Afghanistan. Washington does not accept this argument because of the type of heavy weaponry involved.

The six-year Gulf War will be among the topics discussed here today between senior US and Soviet officials, who are meeting to make preparations for the possible US-Soviet summit this year.

Mr Michael Aramocost, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, is meeting Mr Anatoly Adamtschin, a senior Soviet Foreign Ministry official, to discuss regional issues, including the Middle East, Southern Africa and Central America.

Briton in court over 'coca tea'

New York (Reuters) - A British computer engineer charged with possession of a controlled substance - coca leaves, from which cocaine is made - thought he was taking Peruvian tea home, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Ashwani Korpall, aged 27, of Manchester, was arrested at Kennedy Airport on Sunday when he arrived on a flight from Peru, with the intention of continuing to England.

According to the authorities, he declared on an immigration form that he was carrying plant material, which he further described as tea leaves. Asked what kind of tea, he said coca tea, the court was told.

Under New York law, the possession of untreated coca leaves carries a mandatory prison term of at least three years.

In an unusual move, however, the prosecutor joined Mr Korpall's defence in asking that he be freed without bail pending action by a grand jury, which will decide whether he should be prosecuted and, if so, on what charges.

American 'helped in Iraq raid'

Tehran (Reuters) - Mr Jon Patts, an American detained for more than a month on espionage charges, provided information to help an Iraqi attack on an Iranian telecommunications centre, according to Tehran Radio.

It said yesterday that the Information Minister, Mr Muhammad Muhammadi Reyshahri, said that Mr Patts, aged 49, had used an Italian passport to work in Iran's main satellite ground station at Assadabad and had been in contact with the CIA.

"The evidence shows that he had a hand in relaying information to Iraq via the CIA for bombarding Assadabad installations," Mr Reyshahri said.

Iraqi jets attacked Assadabad in June and July, killing two workers and disrupting telephone and telegraph links.

Mr Reyshahri said that Mr Patts had given the CIA reports on the importance of Assadabad for Iran's communications and the problems of oil production in Iran.



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Singapore share prices dip as judge passes sentence

Malaysian politician jailed for two years over company collapse

Singapore (Reuter) - Tan Koon Swan, the head of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), which makes up a large part of the country's ruling National Front coalition, was jailed yesterday for two years over the collapse of Pan-Electric Industries, a leading Singapore company.

Mr Justice Lai Kew Chai said in passing sentence: "Public interest plainly requires that the accused should receive punishment which not only fits the crime but which should act as a deterrent to other persons who may be similarly disposed."

Supreme Corporation, an inactive mining company, and through shrewd stock market deals made it a leading conglomerate. After studying at the Harvard Business School in the US he returned to continue building his business empire, drawing into his orbit more Malaysian companies, a Singapore hotel and then Pan-Electric Industries.



Mr Tan leaving the Singapore High Court with Miss Penny Chang, his constant companion, after being jailed for his part in the collapse of Pan-Electric Industries.

Chun shuffles Cabinet after opposition attack

Seoul (Reuter) - President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea reshuffled his Cabinet yesterday, following opposition demands that all ministers should resign for what were called misrule and lack of democracy.

Mr Lee Wong Hong was succeeded by Mr Lee Woong Hee, head of the private Mookwah Broadcasting Corporation. The NKDP had earlier demanded the dismissal of Mr Chung and Mr Lee Wong Hong following allegations that the cabinet had been disloyal and that Mr Lee had interfered with the freedom of the press.

Getting a taste of Chinese

Hong Kong (Reuter) - The world's leading chefs are here to taste the best of Chinese cookery and to decide whether it is dim sum, suckling pig or shark's fin soup which makes the cuisine so popular. Twenty-six members of Le Club des Chefs des Chefs, which brings together cooks for royalty, heads of state and billionaires, are in the colony to sample Chinese cuisine during their annual reunion.

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What he did not mention, but the survey disclosed, is that he has another house in his constituency and, villas in the mountain resort of Karuzawa and the hot-spring town of Atami.

Divorce costs too remote

Pritchard v J. H. Cobden Ltd and Another. Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Sir Roger Ormrod. [Judgment given July 30]. Any alteration of the plaintiff's financial position as a result of divorce or breakdown of marriage should be wholly disregarded in assessing the sum recoverable from a defendant in an action for damages for personal injuries, even if the divorce had resulted from the injuries caused to the plaintiff by the defendant's negligence.

The judge then decided that as a result of the divorce the plaintiff had suffered damage which he assessed at £53,000 and he added that the sum already awarded, making the defendants liable in the sum of £434,126. The defendants challenged the assessment of damages under some of the usual heads and the whole of the assessment flowing from the divorce.

European Law Report

Equal treatment for foreign companies

Segers v Bestuur van de Bedrijfsvereniging voor Bank- en Verzekeringswezen, Groothandel en Vrije beroepen. Before K. Balhmann, President of the Second Chamber and Judges O. Due and T. F. O'Higgins. Advocate General M. Darmon. (Opinion given June 10). [Judgment given July 10]. To allow a member state in which a company carried on its business to treat that company in a different manner solely because its registered office was situated in another member state would render article 58 of the EEC Treaty nugatory.

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In re a Company (No 004377 of 1986)

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann [Judgment given July 29]. Where a company's articles provided a method for determining the fair value of a party's shares, a member seeking to sell his shares upon a breakdown of relations should not ordinarily be entitled to complain of unfair conduct if he had made no attempt to use the machinery there provided.

The mechanism for valuation of a company member's shares

Mr Simon Mortimore for the respondents; Mr Leslie G. Kosmin for the petitioner. MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the petitioner's company, with its electronic engineering business, having gone into receivership, was taken over by a new company in which the petitioner held 30 shares and T, a business associate, and his family, 61.

form, but also provided that a member who had been an employee or director should be bound to give a transfer notice in respect of all his shares within 14 days of his ceasing to be an employee or director, for any reason including incapacity or breach of contract, but excluding wrongful dismissal. The price, in default of agreement, was to be fixed by the auditor.

China coal export drive

Peking - China hopes to boost its coal exports to Europe during its current five-year development plan (1986-1990), officials of the National Coal Import and Export Corporation said yesterday (Robert Grieswiler writes).

China's coal exports to Europe, which now constitute 10 per cent of China's total coal exports, could rise "by a big margin". The main importers of Chinese coal include Japan, North Korea, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, much of South-East Asia and Hong Kong.

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About 80,000 drivers failed breath tests last year. The crew of Tango 402 took William Greaves on night patrol in Brighton to see how they handle drinkers



Saturday night in Brighton, a gang of drunken youths marauding down the seafront, 200 deck-chairs ablaze on the beach. At 10pm police constables Glyn Vaughan and Roger Brown left their headquarters in John Street and climbed into patrol car Tango Four-Zero-Two for the start of their eight-hour shift. The weather was warm and dry - tailor-made for summer madness.

The two men have had six years together as a team, and they knew exactly what to expect. The mob on the waterfront was not their pigeon. The roads in and around Brighton were their stamping ground, and drunks drivers their priority.

"We just think of them as potential killers," said Brown. "By catching them before they catch someone else, we're doing everyone a favour."

Tonight, however, the early batch of over-the-limit drivers got a reprieve. Britain's police forces cannot afford the manpower for single-purpose breath test patrols except at Christmas, and within two minutes one of the three radio sets mounted on the Ford Granada's technology-laden dashboard came urgently to life. "Tango 402, Tavistock Down, some kind

of a fight..." "OK, we'll take a look."

We took the first two sets of bollards and a mini-roundabout on the right, crossed the traffic lights on red, and within moments pulled into Tavistock Down. Brown was out of the car before it had stopped rolling and Vaughan followed a second later. Both men put their hats on as they ran.

Five minutes later Vaughan was back. "Domestic squabble," he said. "Roger will be here in a minute, he's just handing out some friendly advice."

But Brown was looking far from friendly when he returned. "Thirteen-year-old girl with a 38-year-old man in there," he said. "He's lucky it wasn't my daughter. I think we'd better go and have a word with her mother, see if she knows where her little girl spends her time."

By the time that mission was completed - "she was a pretty helpless sort, we'll get a social worker round in the morning" - it was 11.30pm, the pubs had emptied and we pulled up against the right-hand kerb of busy Preston Road. Behind us was a row of parked cars and the gap in front was ideal for a quick getaway. The blue lamp on the roof was brightly

reflected in a shop window. "We're not trying to be sneaky," said Brown, "and we don't hang around pub car parks because it's not our job to harass people on an innocent night out. We are pretty obvious here and if motorists see us and slow down, we've achieved our purpose. It's the ones who race away from the lights and don't see us that we're after."

It was a stretch of road with a 30mph limit and the two policemen picked off the speeds of each vehicle with expert judgement. "Forty...42... he's getting on for 50. When we go after them we don't usually find we're more than a couple of miles an hour out." Two motor cycles roared by, their exhausts crackling, and the Granada pulled smoothly away, without the slightest glance passing between the two front seats.

As a chase it was a non-starter. Both bikes had pillion passengers and the quartet outpaced nothing until the police car's lights brought them to the kerb three-quarters of a mile up the road.

Breath tests on the drivers proved negative and they were told that they would be reported for exceeding the speed limit. As details were being taken, one of the passengers started hurling abuse. No-one took much notice and Brown said gently: "I'd tell your friend to shut up if I were you, I don't think he's on your side."

Back in the car, a radio message requested help for another police car. At the rendezvous point, a burly policeman was standing with a rather sheepish-looking young motor cyclist. "I've not got a breath pack, can I borrow yours?" he said.

The test was positive, the tell-tale light showing clearly in the darkness. Unprotesting, the rider got into the other car. "What was he doing?" asked Vaughan. "Driving like a prat," came the succinct reply.

Now well after midnight and with scores of arrests on the seafront jamming the radio, it was time to take a drive round the parish. On the edge of the Downs en route for Lewes, the roads were

disparities in testing. By far the greatest number of tests last year were carried out by the Metropolitan Police (96 per cent on average) and Nottinghamshire (70 per cent); at the other end of the scale, the City of London Police conducted only two breath tests per day. But while 45 per cent of all tested drivers in the Met area gave positive readings, in Nottinghamshire more than nine tests out of 10 proved negative. According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, two out of every three car drivers killed at night are over the limit.

ROADSIDE PASSES AND FAILURES

A quarter of a million motorists in England and Wales were subjected to roadside or hospital breath tests last year - the highest figure ever - and about 80,000 gave positive readings. But latest statistics suggest that a combination of publicity and police vigilance is getting the "don't drink and drive" message across: fewer than a third of all motorists asked to take the test in 1985 proved to be over the limit, compared with more than half 10 years ago.

However, figures recently released by the Home Office reveal enormous regional

disparities in testing. By far the greatest number of tests last year were carried out by the Metropolitan Police (96 per cent on average) and Nottinghamshire (70 per cent); at the other end of the scale, the City of London Police conducted only two breath tests per day. But while 45 per cent of all tested drivers in the Met area gave positive readings, in Nottinghamshire more than nine tests out of 10 proved negative. According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, two out of every three car drivers killed at night are over the limit.

nearby empty as Vaughan and Brown talked about their role.

"We're keeping a high profile and just letting people know we're around," said Brown. "We don't mind at all if we see brake lights go on guiltily when we come into sight, because it means the driver is alert and has got his wits about him. Unless it is pretty obvious from the way he is driving, we don't stop anyone at random for the specific purpose of testing them for drink."

"But we are empowered to stop any motorist for routine reasons, like checking an MOT certificate, and we can then ask them to blow into the Alcometer if we think they might be over the limit."

We were in Old Steine when a blue Morris Marina passed us in the opposite direction, driven aggressively, it seemed to Vaughan and Brown. The Granada swung across the road, swept past two cars and slipped to behind. It seemed impossible not to be noticed as, almost locked together, we turned left into St James's Street, right into Lower Rock Gardens, left again on to Marine Drive and a full half-mile further along the seafront.

The driver was young, his companions dressed raggedly in punk fashion. All three looked white-faced and shocked in the car headlights.

"Just blow into here," said Brown. "This light will go on when you start and this one when you have done enough - it's just like blowing up a balloon..." But already the light was glowing. "I am afraid I must ask you to accompany me to the police station," he said.

It was 3am and Brown and Vaughan still had three hours to go. But for one young man, the night was already over.

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A vision of peace in Iran

Ending the war with Iraq, breaking the clergy's power: these are the aims of a dissident Ayatollah

At 54, Ayatollah Seyed Mehdi Roshani is just about old enough to qualify as a junior ayatollah, but as a man born into the small circle of families that have produced most of the "grand" ayatollahs of Shia Islam over the past hundred years he exudes the confidence of one who knows the future is his.

His elder brother is Grand Ayatollah Mohammad-Sadiq Roshani, and the dissident Grand Ayatollah Tabataba'i Qomi - at present under house arrest - is a cousin. He is also related to Ayatollah Khomeini himself.

New living in Paris, Roshani tasted the excitement of Iranian politics at an early age. When he was 19, he acted as a messenger between Dr Mohammad Mossadegh, the nationalistic prime minister, and Ayatollah Kashani, the most powerful clericman of his time. Ironically, he also once played a part in saving Ayatollah Khomeini's life.

In the summer of 1962 Khomeini was arrested for inciting fundamentalists to riot against the Shah's reform programme, and Roshani was told by General Nassiri, the chief of the secret police, Savak, that Khomeini was "as good as a corpse".

Roshani rushed the news to the shrine city of Qom, where three grand ayatollahs decided to promote Khomeini.

Roshani is highly conscious of, and embarrassed by, the extremist image Shi'ism has acquired since the revolution in Iran in February 1979.

"The Iranian government has little to do with Islam," he says. "There is no need in our time for cutting off the hands of thieves. The founders of Islam taught us to march forth with society. Only the basic tenets are unalterable, and these are matters of personal belief, not the business of governments."

Velayat-e-Faqih, the guardianship of the theology on which the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran is based, "is meant to empower the clergy to be the guardians of orphans and mentally-retarded individuals, not whole nations", Roshani continues. "Clergymen are not qualified to wield political power, and all the other five Grand Ayatollahs alive today oppose Khomeini on this."

Roshani feels that Khomeini has lost about 70 per cent of the public support he enjoyed in 1979. "When he goes I am certain that political power will slip out of the hands of his men. But if we attempt a total overthrow of the regime, we shall set the country on fire - because there are some people who would start a civil war if we did not win them over first."

"But such is the enormous influence of the Sources of Imitation (the grand ayatollahs), and such is the longing among nationalists and liberals for peace and normality, that I have no doubt that we shall win the support of the armed men on the streets if we promise not to go back on all the demands of the revolution - the change to a republic, for example."

"But the guardianship of the clergy will end, I would not even mind if our people chose a Christian to be our president. I also want to see an end to the war with Iraq, and a democratic future for Iran. I am worried that my country is forging links with the Marxists of Cuba and Nicaragua, and that it does not see the fundamental difference between Russia and the West."

Frances Gibb

Hazhir Teimourian

The year of the fedora

Raymond Chandler's "mean streets" of Los Angeles are being rather kinder at present to the author's memory, estate and most of all to his confusing detective Philip Marlowe, the worldly but sentimental knight in a snap-brimmed fedora, who travelled heavy-wrapped in gabardine carrying a big gun and a conscience.

The fascination with Chandler's work and the mystique which has surrounded the film, television, radio and literary impersonations of Marlowe has trickled along for nearly five decades. But 1986 is turning into a waterfall year.

Robert Redford certainly hopes the interest will continue to grow when he dons Marlowe's mantle and begins filming in California's Palm Springs next month. Redford is more of the screen image - "passably good looking" - that Chandler had of his creation.

He is the star of *Springs*, based on an unfinished Chandler novel (only 12 pages called *The Poodle Springs Story*) by screenwriter Robert Towne, whose brother Roger wrote *Chinatown*.

Raymond Chandler's tough, evocative writing is having a vintage spell in films, television and the theatre

Atlantic Pictures are enthusiastic about *Flashback* by writer Ken Nunn (his first novel *Tapping The Source* was a vivid mirror of 1980s California) which brings Marlowe out of retirement and confronted by more than hoodlums in Plymouth convertibles and the whiff of jasmine and mystery around Pasadena Mansions.

The Texan actor Powers Boothe - "Marlowe is slightly over six feet tall with dark brown hair and brown eyes," said Chandler - is walking the "mean streets" on American cable television. These TV shows began when British producer David Wickes convinced the Chandler estate to part with the rights to some short stories and London Weekend Television became involved.

There is also much academic interest in Chandler, who died in 1959. At the

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) library, an exhibition on until the end of September has 40 location photographs of dramatic moments from *The Big Sleep*, Chandler's first novel, on display. The Artoo Press, a San Francisco publishing house, is offering a limited edition of *The Big Sleep* featuring these photographs, though it is for the real enthusiast at \$425 (nearly £300) a copy.

The publishing company Random House has issued the Chandler novels as part of its "audiobooks" division, while publisher Aaroo Blake offers the more energetic diversion in *The Raymond Chandler Mystery Map of Los Angeles*, by which landmarks you can just about trail Chandler's convoluted plots.

Marlowe, who walked on the edge of the street after the introduction of government-

approved psychos like James Bond and Dirty Harry and the much more recent John Rambo, appears to have centre stage again. And with Robert Redford's proven cinema appeal he may find a totally new audience in *Springs*.

"If I ever had an opportunity of selecting a movie actor who could best represent him to my mind it would have been Cary Grant," said Chandler of Marlowe. Maybe with Redford he'll get something of the wish Hollywood has denied him since they began turning his work into movies with Dick Powell as the first Marlowe in *Murder My Sweet*.

Powell, arguably, the best Marlowe so far, was followed by Bogart in *The Big Sleep*, Robert Montgomery in *The Lady In The Lake*, George Montgomery in *The Brasher Doubloon* based on *The High Window*, James Garner in *Marlowe*, Elliot Gould in Altman's *The Long Goodbye*, Phil Carey (in a short-lived 1959 US TV series) and Robert Mitchum in *Farewell My Lovely* and *The Big Sleep* as well as Powers Boothe in the much-liked *Chandler* novel.

The moviemakers and entrepreneurs of the Chandler legacy seem to be heeding their master's words. He wrote: "You have to have passion. Technique alone is just an embroidered potholder."

Douglas Thompson

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Line up: Robert Redford, above, is the latest to play Philip Marlowe. Others, clockwise, are Powers Boothe, James Garner, Elliot Gould, Robert Mitchum, Humphrey Bogart

When a solicitor's writ runs riot

When Welsh businessman Leslie Parsons became embroiled in a dispute with his solicitor, he little knew his repercussions would lead to a major overhaul of the way the Law Society handles the 9,000 complaints made every year against solicitors by members of the public.

His own complaint, arising from a dispute over an on-line peeling machine which he had patented, led to the most notorious case against a solicitor in the profession's history. Dissatisfied with the Law Society's approach, he was eventually forced to go to the High Court to sue his solicitor, former Law Society council member Glanville Davies, who was struck off the Roll for overcharging Parsons by some £130,000.

The Law Society held an inquiry into how the complaint was handled and concluded there had been "many and recurring failures" including "administrative failures, mistakes, wrong doing, errors of judgement; failures in communication; high handedness and insensitivity on a scale that must have done great harm to the Law Society."

Now the society is bringing in a Solicitors Complaints Bureau which will be monitored by members of the public appointed by the Master of the Rolls. The bureau starts work on September 1. It will be overseen by two key committees: an 11-member investigation committee,

Tomorrow the Law Society launches a complaints bureau to improve the chances of redress when lawyers err

to be dominated and chaired by lay people, which will act as the public's watchdog on how the bureau staff process and handle complaints, and an adjudication committee, whose 18 members will mostly be solicitors, many of them Law Society council members.

That committee will have to decide whether a solicitor should be disciplined; and whether the alleged misconduct is so serious as to warrant proceedings before the independent solicitors' disciplinary tribunal, which can reprimand, fine, suspend or strike off.

The bureau has a hard job ahead of it. There has been widespread criticism that the society opted for the less radical of two options for reforming the complaints machinery that were proposed in the report by management consultants Coopers and Lybrand, published in the aftermath of the Glanville Davies case.

The National Consumer Council says it is "quite unacceptable" in both principle and practice that a professional body which represents the interest of its members should sit in judgement on complaints from the public.

Peter Thompson 61 director of the bureau, rejects such criticisms. "The investigation committee is answerable to no-one. All rejected complaints must go to them and they can request the bureau staff to take certain action. It really is the committee of last resort so far as the public is concerned. An influx of complaints is expected when the bureau gets next January, powers to deal with complaints of "shoddy work" by solicitors, who could be ordered to submit their files for scrutiny and if a complaint is justified, to remit their fees or take specified steps to put matters right.

The head of the investigation committee is Jean Horsham, a career civil servant who spent 15 years in the Ombudsman's office and was deputy there in 1981-1982. Philip Ely, the Law Society council member who chaired the three-man inquiry into the Parsons affair with his damning report, will head the adjudication committee.

Leslie Parsons, who set the ball rolling, is pessimistic about whether the bureau will succeed. "I am pleased the Law Society is taking action to put its house in order," he says. "But I feel far from confident that any benefit will be seen by the public. I am still pursuing a complaint against a solicitor which dates from before Glanville Davies in 1977 and the Law Society is still dragging its feet."

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1038

A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues. Clues include: 1 Cut in two (6), 4 Dark red (6), 7 Mass (4), 8 Permitted (8), 9 Rail sleeping car (5,3), 13 Company designation (1,1,1), 16 Unseen influence (3), 17 Expire (3), 19 Common person (8), 24 Desert place (8), 25 Stay (4), 26 Colours (6), 27 Unpretentious (6), 11 French school (5), 12 N Ethiopia province (5), 13 De-nationalise (9), 14 Masticate (4), 15 Necklace piece (4), 18 Eire natives (5), 20 Enjoys (5), 21 Branch (5), 22 Down with (11,3), 23 Gambit (4).

'Please help, my wife is beating me'

Battered husbands are a growing phenomenon, as Caroline Phillips found at a centre which counsels them

When Vanessa, a battered wife for 10 years, met a battered husband, she found it difficult not to laugh. A year later, she takes the issue very seriously indeed. "I think it may be worse for men", she says. "They aren't likely to tell anyone and there isn't a refuge for them to go to."

These are the problems being addressed by Jenni Manners, co-ordinator of the Women's Aid Centre, a refuge for battered women in Swindon, Wiltshire.

"I was extremely puzzled when men started phoning asking for help. From 1980, three or four would ring a year," she says. "But since 1985 I've taken about three dozen calls, mainly from the Swindon area."

She suspects the incidence of violence perpetrated on husbands could be almost as prevalent as 'wife bashing' — itself the most unreported crime until the 1970s.

Can the phenomenon be accounted for by the growth of feminism, or has it always been around? Jenni Manners has no explanation for the sudden increase in calls from men, but decided to take some action. Earlier this year, a team from the centre went to visit the world's only refuge for battered men in Vasteras, Sweden. There 15 people are involved in offering help on the telephone.

The team was impressed, and now the local Labour council is looking into funding a 24-hour help line and refuge for battered husbands in Swindon. The only problem is that the men who Jenni Manners has counselled are unwilling to be publicly involved in the project. So the scheme will be run by the women

from the centre. Ironically, the male victims who call up often feel a woman would be more sympathetic.

The popular image of a battered husband is ridiculous. "People have this idea of a wimp of 5ft 2m being bashed by his 16-stone wife. Nothing could be further from the truth", says Jenni Manners, fresh from advising a client of 6ft 4in who was beaten by his 5ft 4in wife. She has never counselled a male victim shorter than 5ft 8in. The violence

'She would draw blood with her bare fists or hit him with a frying pan'

ranges from kicking and scratching to stabbings with potato peelers and kitchen knives.

"Kitchen implements and boiling water are favoured. But then I have seen a couple of men with fractured skulls. One was coshed with a brick while he was building a patio, and the other got whacked with a piece of wood after suggesting to his wife that they should see a marriage guidance counsellor."

Ashamed to confess they are the victims of their wives' assaults (and having no refuge), many men enter hospitals claiming to have bumped into

a door or dropped a kettle. Frequently no one beyond the immediate family will know what is really going on. When Jenni Manners sees the men — occasionally in their homes, but more often on a park bench or in a pub — they often admit to a catalogue of injuries.

The men come from all walks of life. "It exists in every class, just as violence towards women does. It's just that the higher on the social strata you go, the more ways there are to get out of the situation."

She has counselled managing directors, solicitors, lorry drivers and policemen. Usually they are in their mid-30s to late 40s. "If there is any trait in common, it is that they are caring men — often exceeding the generally accepted male role in terms of looking after the kids — and they are respectful of women."

Colin, a taxi driver, is one such example. Extremely reticent, he is 26 and looks 10 years older. (His wife, an office clerk, was 11 years his senior.) He put up with his wife's violence — which started just three months after they married — for six years. She would draw blood from him with her bare fists and sharp rings or hit him over the head with a frying pan.

"Initially, I was quite shocked — I didn't know what to do, because she used to go crazy — but I would never hit a woman", he explains. The outbursts occurred bi-monthly and were, as with wife bashing, worse when his spouse had

been drinking. Did he ever take steps to restrain her?

"At first I did. I used to try to calm her down by talking to her, but that made no difference. Sometimes I sat her on the floor, but then she would re-attack when I was off my guard," Jenni Manners confirms that restraining the assailants tends to incense them even more.

Colin got used to it. "I knew what to expect and found it easier just to let her get it over with."

He could not make out why she did it. He simply knew that he was "frightened and didn't have anywhere to go", and that retaliating could have made things worse. He was also worried that it was his fault and that it would recur in another relationship. He did not tell anyone.

"You're ashamed of making a fool of yourself. People would think you were wet and not a proper man."

He thought of notifying the police, but knew they dislike getting involved in domestic situations. "Help, my wife's bashing me", is likely to provoke ridicule. In Jenni Manners's experience, those who have been to doctors are greeted with disbelief, followed by a prescription for tranquilizers.

Then by chance one day Colin picked up the once-battered Vanessa in his taxi — and moved out to live with her. His wife still comes around to terrorize him

at Vanessa's house. "out of jealousy, I think". He found that an application for legal aid and an injunction met with derision. The court would think it was stupid, the lawyer said.

"At least I've got to the stage now where I can tell people", Colin says with relief.

Adam, a 36-year-old, 6ft fireman, endured his wife's violence for 13 years before doing anything about it. He is now trying to "find himself" through philosophy and psychology. "I would certainly hit back if a man attacked me," he says, "but I let her chuck bottles and plates, boiling water and hot dinners at me."

Yet he maintains that he thought this was normal. "I didn't consider it a violent marriage. I thought all marriages were like that."

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episodes started to occur as often as three times a week.

"In the process of that strained couple of years, we had a role reversal — I was very happy to look after the kids and she returned to her job as a lab technician. I think she felt threatened in her role as a woman — and that manifested itself in further violence. It was her way of getting what she needed. It became too much — and she said she was leaving." He agreed on condition that she left the children.

The tendency on dissolution is to award home and children to the wife. Jenni explains that many of the men she has counselled fear that if they leave home, the violence will then be transferred to the children. The majority of men she has advised have been awarded custody.

It wasn't until Adam sought Jenni's advice — at the suggestion of a close friend in the social services — that he realized all his rights and the true extent of the violence in his marriage.

The help Jenni gives is recognition and support, with some guidance on legal and housing rights. It's what these victims of the opposite sex want. "The men want to know that they're not alone in their problem. Accommodation isn't such a consideration. It's easier for them just to walk out."

The way things are going, Jenni expects to get a lot more calls from men. The calls always start: "I don't know if you'll want to talk to me. I've got a very strange problem..."

'Because men have to be tough, I never spoke to anyone about it'

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Dressed for the part

When Patricia Hodge was impersonating Nancy Mitford in the musical about the famous sisters, she was hailed as "the new Gertrude Lawrence" by Ned Sherrin (admittedly not without a personal interest in the show). Now she is recreating the original Gertrude Lawrence in *Noël and Gertrude* — a joint memoir of those two egotists which holds together an anthology of memorable moments from Coward.

Patricia Hodge has recreated Gertrude Lawrence, right down to the hem, writes Peter Lewis

their eyes. She was somebody who made you sit up in your seat."

Off stage, Miss Lawrence was Gertrude, the girl from Brixton, whose native vowel sounds were so different from her carefully modulated tones on stage. Sometimes they came out in the occasional "yew", as Patricia Hodge demonstrated, humming one of her songs discreetly across the luncheon table.

"Coward said no one could play her who hadn't a touch of the gutter about her." There is no such touch about Miss Hodge, although she grew up opposite Grimsby Docks — her father ran the best hotel in town. "But I went to school with roughish kids and had a Lincolnshire accent which I had to clean up, as Gertrude got rid of hers."

Pat Hodge longed to be a child actress with the Italia Conti (fired by seeing its pupils perform in *Where the Rainbow Ends*). "I was desperately in love with the theatre but Lincolnshire was a cultural desert. People said, don't be silly, nobody does that kind of thing." So she trained for teaching and taught for a year before finding her way to drama school at the late age of 22.

She became a chorus girl, then got the lead, but does not consider herself a musical artist. "I can sort of get away with it. I'd give the world for a voice like Julia McKenzie's." Now she has to "get away with" Coward's potent "cheap music", including songs such as *Someday I'll Find You* and *Parisien Pierrat*.

Of course, the stage's second most famous balcony scene, from *Private Lives*, is included, with Lewis Flander playing Noël as Elyot. Perhaps the hardest scene to get away with now is the one in the station buffet in *Still Life*,

which became the film *Brief Encounter*, with lines like "How awfully nice you are", and "I thought perhaps we were being... rather silly."

"It's one cliché after another but that couple meant every word of them. There was that kind of innocence and unshamed romance in the theatre then."

"Noël and Gertrude had this brother-and-sister relationship. Both of them, as he put it were 'monkey-quick' and they could both see how to further each other's career. With his brilliant insight into the woman's point of view, he could use bits of their relationship in the plays. Their friendship had that kind of elasticity which would stretch to saying 'Oh, you make me sick' and a moment later they would be laughing — just like Amanda and Elyot."

The fact that they never had a physical relationship made them all the more devoted friends. A lot of people would be better friends if only that fabulous thing called sex didn't get in the way."

But although *Private Lives* is nowadays established as a classic, Coward and Lawrence inhabited a different theatrical universe from today's, one which was already fading before Gertrude Lawrence died suddenly of cancer in 1952.

"All she had when she died was the money she had made in *The King and I*, in which she was playing in New York. She had no responsibility about money at all and was absurdly generous. When a woman came up to her in Carter's and told her how marvelous her performance was, she bought the bracelet she was examining and gave it to her."

Gertrude Lawrence's career would be impossible today, says Hodge. "To go to the theatre then was much more uplifting, because audiences had no television. There was a different kind of magic about it and about its very, very glamorous, high-profile stars. Stars were feted. The Prince of Wales was seen out with them every night at the Embassy Club. Gertrude Lawrence rode that wave — but once it was gone, it was gone."

On the face of it there is no actress better suited to reviving legendary figures of the Thirties — she has Lady Diana Cooper as well as Nancy Mitford to her name already. Patricia Hodge has the Thirties look in abundance. Pale blue misty eyes look out through half-closed lids, the cheeks are rosy, the mouth small and pursed as if to take a cigarette holder, the complexion alabaster. Above all she can assume that blank expression that looks as if it's waiting, aloof and without hope, for the arrival of someone interesting enough to register. Add her jotted reddish-blond hair and a Molyneux dress and you have the ingredients for a photograph by Beaton.

The Molyneux dress is the one in which Gertrude Lawrence "appeared" to a sleepless Noël Coward in his Tokyo hotel bedroom. He saw her standing on a terrace in the South of France, and the image "refused to go away again until four in the morning, by which time *Private Lives*, title and all, had constructed itself". The dress Patricia Hodge wears to play Gertrude as Amanda has been recreated from photographs by the show's designer, Carl Toms, and made in pure silk ivory satin by Antonique Gregory. It moves with a grace of its own and, says Miss Hodge, "the kind of dress you don't know you're wearing."

Of course, it is a daunting prospect to invite comparison with a legend — especially one of whom we have no worthy memorial. "I have had her records for years but I wish to God I'd seen her. What you hear on her recordings, made without an audience, is not her. With an audience, she would put on voices, extemporize, weave a web in front of



Straight out of a dream: Patricia Hodge in the Molyneux dress

Attainment that equals failure

There appears to be life after O level results, but for a day or two it was touch and go. The first few minutes were bad enough, the next few hours worse. In the beginning there was the opening of the post, to reveal a form which revealed little, except ambiguity. My daughter had been graded in seven of eight subjects, "unclassified" in the other. We took that to mean "fail".

The back of the form, a flimsy thing, described the grades, A to E, as signifying the "level of attainment". As a family, and with all due modesty, we do not think we are entirely illiterate. We think that "attainment" is a word not unconnected with "success" or even "pass".

But further down, there was a phrase about grades A to C being "equivalent to the former O level pass". On this basis, one B and one C meant my daughter had two O levels. Or was it seven? I telephoned the University of London school exams department, where an official said that "every one with a grade, from A to E, would get a certificate".

It would seem silly to give a certificate for passes and failures, so obviously this meant seven passes.

Obviously not. It transpired, a good many phone calls later, that the "old O level" pass level was indeed the one to hang your hat on. (So why call it the old pass level?) But in an era when everyone has to be given the feeling that they have succeeded, "attainment" has arrived as a euphemism for fail. Or not, depending on your grade.

I trust this is all perfectly clear. So my daughter has it all to do, as the football commentators say, next term. She has attained some success and she has attained some failure and it took half a day to locate the joy. And we, the benighted parents, have had less than a week from receipt of the results to resumption of school to decide whether sixth form college really is the right way forward. One day unravelling the meaning of a computer print-out and one week to assess and act upon the consequences after an investment of 11 years in the education

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system. There is a word for this; it is nonsense.

I cannot say, hand on heart, that the teachers' dispute caused my daughter to do less well than nearly every examination over the past five years had suggested she would. But I can say that when someone I love, who has worked hard and intelligently, is reduced to tears by a computer print-out I start to look for reasons.

I start to reflect on her need, throughout the past year — and mentioned in this space before — to share textbooks with a friend. I reflect on the number of classes she attended which the relevant teacher, in pursuit of a dispute, did not. I reflect on the utter stupidity of the teacher who, at the mock O level stage, set a CSE paper for the whole class, and then put my daughter in for the O level examination, so that she had no experience of that subject as it is tested at O level.

I reflect on another teacher who did not and does not set homework because he "doesn't believe in it". Perhaps most of all, I reflect on what might have been, had not my daughter spent a crucial year in her life being treated like an educational football by a profession so ossified that faced with the threat of being assessed it walked off the job.

My wife and I cannot be the only parents in this country who do not give a damn what teachers believe in. What we believe in is the right of our children to an education uninterrupted by disputes and untrammelled by pseudo-philosophical stances over homework which are at best irrelevant and at worst plain idle.

It may be that the anger and resentment I feel now is no substitute for calm, rational thought followed by constructive action. But the first member of the NUT who thinks of throwing that one at me had better rehearse it first. In front of a mirror.

Matchmaker, 59, dainty, seeks rich...

An American lonely hearts club for the cream of society finds a booming business in Britain

For a woman who had lately lost two of her most illustrious potential clients, Zelda Fischer was determined to be philosophical about it. "Oh, yeah", she said, "they would've been good — a delightful couple."

However, the Duke and Duchess of York somehow

contrived to meet and marry without benefit of her professional skills, which means that Mrs Fischer, matchmaker to the cream of society, is now free to concentrate on those others who are perhaps more in the semi-skimmed category.

Her organization, called Gentpeople Ltd, is a lonely hearts club for the cultured, the intellectual, the civilized and — coincidentally, of course — the rich.

With four offices in America, she has now opened up in Knightsbridge, London, and already the customers are rolling in. In America she has

around 500 clients, mostly in their 30s and 40s, many of them doctors, lawyers, and business people. Marriages run at around one a week. Britain seems to be following that pattern.

"We have a barrister, female, 20s, very pretty, never been married, who would like to find a special gentleman; and a gentleman from Edinburgh, late 40s, own business, who flew down specially to see me because there are no ladies to suit him in Scotland."

In her own shorthand, Mrs Fischer is 59, separated, three children. A dainty figure, she sits with Eastern stillness, her hands folded in her lap, emitting from time to time a charmingly girlish giggle.

She says that successful people frequently dedicate themselves to their work at the expense of their emotional lives. "Often they come to me on their birthdays. They've looked up one day and suddenly thought 'Oh my goodness, I'm 40 and I don't have



Philosophical: Zelda Fischer

anyone to spend time with'. Or in the case of women, the biological clock is ticking away and it will soon be too late to have children."

The temptation is to think that if they are so clever why can't they go out and find someone themselves. Lesser people do. Quite simple, says Mrs Fischer. Often they don't have the time. Often they are people who are accustomed to using consultants in their professional life, so why not in their emotional life too? And some of her clients, she says a little darkly, are public figures who cannot go out trawling Annabells late at night.

So they give her a list of requirements and Mrs Fischer sets off to find the ideal partner. It all sounds rather clinical but, when you think about it, it is only a hi-tech

version of Cinderella and the Slipper-fitting trials. This bespoke service costs £1,500 compared with a standard £500 entrance fee.

This is all very well for Americans, but is it really what we want? Apparently, yes. Britain's gentle people have been fairly pounding up to her first floor suite at Claridges, their lonely hearts racing in expectation. "A lot of women want someone who can make them laugh. I guess humour and monogamy are top of the list of women's desires. Men will more often discuss physical attributes. They are less pragmatic and sometimes want to relive their youth with a younger woman."

"Successful people have all the same disasters and catastrophes as the rest of humanity, and probably more so. In some ways they can be a little less practised than others."

What they are not is any less romantic. When she asks her women clients, by way of research, what gifts they would most like, they quite often say a single rose. Mrs Fischer gave me a moist smile as she related that story, and I must say that it wasn't until I had left that I realised that I might have misheard her.

Did she say a single rose — or a single Rpils?

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Chairman's report

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Ladies' night

Dramatic irony in Athens, where a new Greek production of Lysistrata, Aristophanes' famous play about a woman's sex strike in protest against the warring of their men, opened this week.

Spotted in the window of a Wandsworth cafe: "Tonight's special: fried chicken, peas and some potatoes."

Treble choice

Conservative voters in East Lothian will have an unparalleled choice of candidates at the next election, with three Tory names on the ballot paper.

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"Remind me, does it mean Michael Caine is coming or going?"

Muck raking

The Federation of Conservative Students has still not forgiven John Selwyn Gummer, former party chairman and now junior agriculture minister, for criticizing members' behaviour during their Loughborough conference last year.

Bird flies

Nicky Bird, who this spring was humiliatingly shifted from his post as publications officer at the Victoria & Albert, has a new job: marketing the Barbican Centre.

By the left

A touching picture of how the mighty fall comes after the latest expulsion of Gadafi trouble-makers. Mauritius has just turfed out the Libyan ambassador and other officials to an operation lasting a mere 30 minutes from the first knock on the door to the boarding of the plane.

Thomson Prentice on the forces lurking beneath the earth's surface

When the deep turns deadly

There were few, if any, of nature's traditional warnings of a catastrophe to come. The popular images of a volcano in action are of rumbling, sulphurous clouds, jets of flame and hideous cascades of molten lava.

This time, however, death and destruction erupted suddenly into the atmosphere from beneath the usually placid waters of Lake Nyos, in northwest Cameroon. The first rescuers found the bodies of

At least 1,200 people are believed to have perished. It was a populous area because the volcano had given life before it took it away, creating a fertile soil and a lush landscape for farmers.

It killed nine out of 10 of the population, transforming the lakeside into a "huge wasteland", according to one witness. Banana trees were snapped in half, vegetation was blackened, but the villages themselves apparently suffered little damage.

The causes of the disaster had almost certainly been building up for many years, perhaps centuries. The volcano is one of many in western Cameroon which generations of local people have believed to be extinct because their craters had become lakes.

By wholeheartedly supporting individual freedoms and a free-enterprise economy, South African business leaders are brought into conflict with apartheid on both moral and pragmatic grounds.

Abundant evidence shows that apartheid and its associated economic policies have restricted opportunity for all South Africans.

But business leaders oppose apartheid for another important reason: it has become an ethnic, quasi-socialist system of government pursued by an Afrikaner oligarchy not hitherto imbued with free-enterprise principles.

Since the Nationalists came to power in 1948, business - formerly dominated by whites of British descent - has been cast in an adversarial role. Through essentially statist and socialist measures, wealth has been redistributed in favour of the Afrikaner community.

Business had exceedingly limited influence over this process. After the Sharpeville tragedy in 1960, for example, the then prime minister, Hendrik Verwoerd, reacted angrily to urgings from English and Afrikaans-speaking business executives to end the system of reserving certain categories of jobs for whites.

He accused them of "paving the way for black domination" and denounced as "traitors" the Associated Chambers of Commerce (Assocom), the most liberal and vocal South African business organization. For some years, government departments refused to reply to correspondence from Assocom officials.

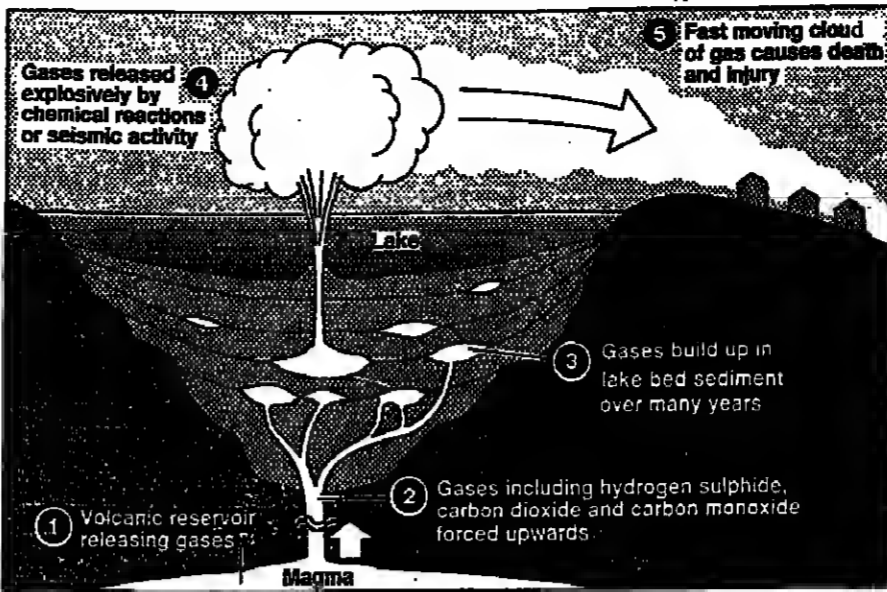
As economic growth and political power transformed the Afrikaner nation from a rural, blue-collar background into a modern Western people, Afrikaner business leaders emerged whose interests increasingly clashed with apartheid. Their influence contributed to the erosion of apartheid in fields such as job reservation and trade-union rights for blacks.

But on the central question of political rights, the state emerged as the key obstacle to reform. The prospect of sharing power, with the inevitable loss of jobs in the state sector to blacks - let alone surrendering power - must look doubly unattractive to Afrikaners when a deteriorating economy makes job scarce.

The state sector has been the chief beneficiary of apartheid. Bureaucrats and Nationalist politicians have been able, in most instances, to pass on the costs of apartheid policies to other groups. Many of the costs of investment and sanctions can be passed on to others; for example, to black migrant workers from neighbouring states, to black South Africans, and to industry and commerce, in the form of higher taxes.

So even if sanctions continue to multiply, Pretoria will probably have adopted a repressive and destructive siege policy by the time the government fully feels their adverse effects.

These realities support the view of South African businessmen that there are no quick fixes for South Africa and that economic growth is essential. Sooner or later apartheid will go, and they constantly tell the government that only negotiation with influential black leaders on political reform will make possible a transition to a post-apartheid society.



the time of the Roman rhetorician Lucius Annaeus Seneca, whose writings described the asphyxiation of sheep on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius in AD 62.

In August 1984, toxic fumes from another Cameroonian volcano, Lake Nyos, in the same mountain chain as Nyos, escaped and killed 36 people. Similar potential disasters may be building up beneath other lake surfaces in the range.

Because of the dangers, the Cameroonian authorities are organizing the evacuation of up to 30,000 people from the area. Apart from the risk of further gas clouds, there are inevitably threats of disease and contamination.

The surface of the lake was said by observers from army helicopters to be calm yesterday. But the waters are no longer clear, as they usually are, but muddied; a sullen symbol of the enormous forces still lurking far beneath.

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Gavin Relly, chairman of the Anglo American Corporation, puts the business case against apartheid and points the way to a prosperity in which both white and black can share

Charter for a new South Africa



Mine workers are typical of South Africa's increasingly unionized black labour force. Employers must give them incentives and take them into their confidence

African business community has focused on two overriding priorities: banding resources during the transition and trying to convince everyone of the importance of wealth creation for the success of a post-apartheid society.

South Africa can preserve its mining and manufacturing base only if it remains within the Western-dominated international economic system. But South Africa has to run harder than its image in the West as an industrialized country might suggest. Despite its gold, diamonds and other minerals, it is wealthy only in comparison with its less fortunate neighbours: gross national product per capita in 1982, when the population was estimated at 30 million, was two and a half the average of that of 20 subcontinental African countries, but only 25 per cent of Canada's.

Further, South Africa has an annual population growth rate of 2.7 per cent and a typical Third World population profile - more than half the population are under 20. An annual economic growth rate of 6 per cent is required to create employment for more than 300,000 new job-seekers every year - and that does not take account of the 25 per cent of blacks already out of work. But without foreign capital inflows, the economy can grow at little more than 3.5 per cent a year. In the past five years, in fact, it has averaged only 1.1 per cent.

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mind-wrenching effort to grasp the future and translate it back to the real action we should be taking now.

Secondly, we must support and nurture effective and responsible trade union activity. It is impossible to face the future in industrial affairs if we have one to talk to. Labour-management relations must evolve to staff off the kinds of extreme left-wing measures that have ruined so much of the rest of Africa.

Thirdly, the company must be a stalwart advocate and practitioner of free enterprise. Our every deed must help make us acceptable to a society that will have simplistic views about capitalism.

Business operates on a long-term basis. Anglo American needs to plan for a long-term future to encourage industrial and economic growth. If we can show that we are taking a long-term view of South Africa's future, organizations such as the African National Congress and the trade unions will be encouraged to do the same.

The 1980s have seen a growing realization of the inappropriateness of the policies of state control. Country after country, even if ostensibly maintaining a socialist line, has moved to stimulate or re-establish its private sector.

The pragmatic economic policy thus far pursued by Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's impeccably socialist prime minister, owes much to the advice of President Samora Machel of Mozambique, who exhorted him not to repeat Mozambique's mistakes but to retain skilled whites and stimulate agricultural production. It is to be hoped that African leaders will exert similar influence on black South Africans who will be important in the new South Africa.

South African companies must involve themselves not only in all the affirmative-action programmes I have mentioned but must also engage black political groups in a dialogue about the economic future. That was one of the principal reasons for the visit by a group of seven South African business leaders that I led last year to the ANC in Zambia.

The ANC's freedom charter, however admirable it may be, in many respects, is vague and woolly on economic matters. Conceived in the mid-1950s, when South Africa was a vastly different place politically and economically, the charter asserts: "The mineral wealth beneath the soil, the banks and monopoly industry shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole. All other industry and trade shall be controlled to assist the well-being of the people."

Yet the goal of continued competition in the international economy is incompatible with nationalization. Small, open economies like South Africa's benefit from the international operations of large companies.

South Africa is not a country for the faint-hearted. South African business is rapidly adopting, planning and mobilizing to take part in that great experiment, but it knows that its resources, even when combined with the economic forces liberated by the abolition of apartheid, will be inadequate to the challenge.

The British and American counterparts of South African executives therefore face an awesome responsibility. Many have made good profits in South Africa for decades. But faced with lean times and a host of pressures, they are attracted to the easy option of withdrawal, especially if the ignorance, mischief-making, and mythology underlying those pressures, however progressive they may be. Credibility will require a

Greater participation in South Africa and the structural reform initiatives proposed by South African business are much harder roads to walk. But they may also be in one of business's best and most prominent traditions - risk-taking. Extracted from Foreign Policy magazine

Danny Finkelstein

Why Owen must win this fight

Disapproval of David Owen - or any other leading politician - is nothing new. But there is something unusual in the description of the SDP leader, in a recent New Statesman, as having "no strategy", being "uncomfortably rootless" and having "his eye on the main chance".

Using the sort of code usually favoured by sacked cabinet ministers, Liddle set out criticisms which other prominent members of the SDP have confined to secret press briefings and personal digs of the "David-can-be-a-bit-difficult-at-times" variety. In doing so, he made clear the true source of the disagreements which have of late been troubling the party.

Liddle and those who think like him believe that the SDP's central goal should be to replace Labour as the clear alternative government to the Conservatives. They are wary about proportional representation - believing it to be correct but not believing that it will fundamentally alter the nature of British party politics.

David Owen and other party members, on the other hand, believe that the emphasis should not be on replacing Labour but rather on replacing the political system on which Labour feeds. Owen's supporters believe that PR would require and involve a complete reorientation of British politics. In these circumstances it would be profoundly mistaken to talk simply in terms of supplanting Labour.

The Owen strategy is based on two main premises. First, the growth of a new class of professional and semi-professional workers who owe allegiance to neither the Conservative nor the Labour party. It is this expanding sector of the electorate and not the traditional Labour base, Owen believes, that will provide the major foundation of SDP support. Secondly, the Owen camp believe that the SDP should positively encourage multi-party government. It is the existence of two-party politics which has entrenched outdated class distinctions, wrecked industrial relations and prevented a creative synthesis of different political traditions and ideas.

The Liddle strategy would, in essence, seek the maintenance of two-party politics. The fear is that, over time, this strategy would result in the repetition of some of Labour's worst errors - becoming a party of workers against managers, suspicious about enterprise and tending towards statism.

From this division of opinion all others follow. Those who see the SDP's major goal as being to replace Labour generally also support merger with the Liberal Party. Their belief that proportional representation would have limited impact leads them to conclude that the Alliance should form a conventional "broad church party of the left" to rival Labour inside the current system.

Owen and his supporters, by contrast, believe that the SDP is merely the first step in the creation of the "New Politics" - a total change in the political process that can be completed only after proportional representation. The "New Politicians" oppose a merger which would ossify the current political system and restrict political freedom after PR. Similarly the accusation made by some that David Owen is right-wing stems from the belief of the critics that the proper role of an SDP leader is to appeal to Labour's traditional electoral base.

The "New Politicians" believe that the job of the SDP leader is to define social democracy clearly without recourse to terms such as "left" and "right" - terms that reflect the old politics.

The argument inside the SDP over defence also has its root in the strategic disagreement. The Liddle strategy implies that nothing must be done to endange unity with the Liberals or the prospect of coalition with Labour.

The biggest fear of those who agree with Liddle is that certain aspects of SDP policy, for example its stand on Britain's nuclear contribution to NATO, might make coalition with Labour impossible and a post-election agreement with the Conservatives inevitable.

The "New Politicians" do not share this fear. They believe that the SDP should not obscure its policies but should instead force both the Liberal Party, before an election, and the Labour Party, after it, to negotiate with a firm, free and confident SDP.

The Liddle strategy requires coalition with Labour at almost any cost. The Owen strategy does not. Arguments inside the SDP are not, therefore, just the irritating result of personal tensions. They are the result of a strategic disagreement. It is not personalities but strategies that have convinced many that David Owen must win the argument.

When the SDP was formed, many of its founders, Owen included, may have seen it as the new Labour Party. It has, however, become much more than that. More than half its members were never in any political party before. It has appealed to a new constituency, separate from the constituency of the old Labour and Conservative Parties.

Vitality, it has established constitutional reform - never seriously debated inside the Labour Party - as a primary aim. It cannot now look back to its perceptions and objectives five years ago; things have changed since then.

At the SDP conference in Harrogate next month, the Council for Social Democracy should, as it did last year, confirm its support for the "New Politics" and David Owen's leadership. The SDP's historic task of changing the political and social conditions of the British people depends on it. The author is SDP prospective parliamentary candidate for Brent East.

moreover... Miles Kington Minor Ailment Shock Horror!

Looking down the list of winners of the disease-of-the-month contest over the last few years, I see that herpes probably held the title longest, followed by anorexia, with hepatitis making a brave showing now and again but never quite achieving the big breakthrough.

I sometimes get letters from unsuccessful diseases, asking me how they can get into the big time, and I always tell them: Wait your turn! The newspapers will need you by and by. You don't have to cause an epidemic - you just have to be a bit scary, that's all. Think of rabies, I tell them.

Rabies thoroughly deserved to be disease of the month a year or two back, because it got enormous publicity without ever being caught by anyone in this country. Maximum exposure, minimum effect. Day after day we were told that rabies was raging across France and the Low Countries, about to enter Britain any day. The picture we were given was of the cliffs of northern France lined with savage dogs, like Napoleon's armies in 1803, ready to invade Britain at a moment's notice. On a quiet day, it seemed, we could almost hear their barking across the Channel.

So far rabies has still not come and it has hardly been mentioned in any paper for a year. Does this mean the threat has receded? Have those dogs gone quietly back home? No, of course not. The threat is, if anything, more worrying than before, especially if the Channel Tunnel is to be built.

All that has happened is that the newspapers have grown tired of rabies. Remember, what newspapers like to do best is stand behind a door and jump out when you pass, shouting Boo! Or Meningitis! Or Schol Bus Horror! Crash in France! When you stop jumping, they go away and think of something else to shout.

I can remember about 10 years ago the story of the month being Boy Saved by Guard Dog on Building Site. No sooner had one boy been savaged than another was savaged and then another and then there was an outcry, and

then it all stopped. The savaging of boys by wild albatrosses didn't stop! I mean the newspaper coverage of it stopped. The only reason that so many savagings seemed to have happened in one month was that each newspaper had to find its own savaging, after which they stopped.

Have you noticed that abduction is oow the crime of the month? If you read the headline Man Held After Girl's Terror Ordeal, you automatically assume that the girl has been abducted. And you're right. That's because the newspapers are only reporting abductions at the moment.

The very same headline, a couple of months back, would have meant a rape to everyone. And a few months earlier everyone would have automatically assumed it meant a case of child-battering, because child-battering was the crime of the month for months on end, and none of the abductions or savaging of boys or building sites were being reported.

We are nearly at the end of August now, and I am surprised to report that there is no clear winner yet for the traffic-accident-of-the-month prize. Unmanned railway crossings made a good early showing, and so did Coach Crash Horror in France, but both seem to have faded: not enough stamina.

I thought the motorway crash in France the other day was going to do well, with a pile-up on one side causing four deaths and a pile-up on the other side caused by motorists slowing down to have a look, but unfortunately there were no Britons involved and it never quite made it. But there is still time for a good air crash, and we must be very near the stable-burning season, which is also good for an outcry.

Well, that's it for this month. We'll have another round-up next month. Meanwhile, the organizers would like to point out that there are still no entries for the terrorist-outrage-of-the-month category, and that it is in severe danger of not being awarded. All entries to Fleet Street, London, as fast as possible, please. They need you.



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HERR RAU'S HARD ROAD

When West Germany's Social Democrats voted overwhelmingly to endorse the candidacy of Johannes Rau for Chancellor at next January's parliamentary elections, as they did at their party conference yesterday, they were doing themselves and Herr Rau a favour. A less convincing majority would have reinforced the impression, already established among West Germany's political agitators, of a party at odds with itself. It would also have weakened the authority of Herr Rau who was provisionally nominated only at the beginning of this year.

But the 425-1 majority for Herr Rau can only limit the damage his party has sustained in the five years that it has been out of power. He now has less than five months to unite and make credible an opposition whose membership harbours sympathies as divergent as those within Britain's Labour Party.

On the left, there is uncompromising opposition to anything nuclear, from US warheads to power stations, and support for more public spending, even at the risk of increased inflation. On the right there is nostalgia for the Ostpolitik of Willy Brandt and the international statesmanship of Helmut Schmidt, and fear that West Germany's current prosperity could end if the policies of good house-keeping are allowed to lapse.

In trying to reconcile these two wings, Herr Rau has fallen uneasily between the radical and the conservative tendencies of his party. Not only does the election programme

he presented yesterday risk pleasing neither side, it also panders just enough to the left to scare off wavering Christian Democrats.

This is especially true of foreign policy, where Herr Rau's pledge to seek the removal of US cruise and Pershing missiles from West Germany must be a questionable electoral asset. Dr Kohl won the last election for the Christian Democrats on this very issue, and now the missiles are in place popular opposition to them has declined further.

Strong defences against an ever-threatening Soviet presence in East Germany have been consistently supported by the centre of West German opinion, whose one fear about Chancellor Kohl was that his tougher line towards Moscow would harm relations with East Germany. Five years on, no perceptible damage has been done and the Social Democrats can no longer claim exclusive rights to Ostpolitik. Herr Rau, moreover, has been seen, and feted, in Moscow a little too often for his own electoral good or the good of his party.

On domestic policy, Herr Rau may be on stronger ground, but only just and perhaps not yet. By promising to phase out the use of nuclear power, he has moved to attract those of the electorate who veer towards the Greens but hesitate before squandering their vote on a party of such dubious potential. However he will also have alienated sections of the trade union movement who fear for their members' jobs.

Unfortunately for the Social Democrats, it is also questionable whether unemployment by itself will be a major election issue this time round.

Although West Germany currently has two million unemployed (out of a total population 10 per cent higher than that of Britain), youth unemployment is largely obviated by conscription. And West Germany still enjoys a formidable reputation for its education and youth training systems, where the maintenance of standards is associated with the right rather than the left.

A more likely social issue for the coming election is West Germany's unlimited acceptance of asylum-seekers. But the Social Democrats cannot appeal to popular discontent without at the same time alienating some of their natural supporters and raising uncomfortable spectres from the past. It is probable therefore that the present political consensus on the subject — that West Germany remains open to genuine refugees — will be maintained.

Whatever the fortunes of the Social Democrats between now and January — and they will doubtless be in inverse proportion to the performance of the West German economy — the party's election prospects look bleak. In his keynote address yesterday, Herr Rau conceded that his party was a long way from its goal of wresting power. And while his assessment may be realistic, it hardly reflects the confidence of which election victories are made.

ANIMAL RIVALRIES

The jackals have been at it again, says Mr Ron Todd. Not the same jackal whom he accused last year of insulting the National Union of Mineworkers (Mr Eric Hammond), it should be recalled, had likened the miners under Mr Scarpill's leadership to lions led by donkeys but different examples of this favourite creature in the Trade Union bestiary.

Over the Bank holiday, the Transport Workers' boss averred, jackals had been criticizing Mr Norman Willis the TUC general secretary and doing it moreover not within the privacy of the general council (where, he implied, it might be in order) but in the hearing of journalists.

Whether there was an August plot against Mr Willis was made irrelevant by the speed and vigour with which Mr Todd swung the bestial metaphors to his defence. The general secretary will open the TUC annual conference next week with the backing of the largest constituent trade union, and doubtless all will agree that the whole event was made up by the press. All will endorse Mr Neil Kinnock's ebullient remark of last October, that there are no animals in the Labour movement. But that will not be that.

For it is hardly a secret of Congress House that there are worries about Mr Willis as an effective public performer. These are, interestingly enough, parallel to those evinced this same August

across the street from Transport House at Conservative Central Office. They have to do with, the word of the season, presentation. If better presentation means switching advertising agencies, or employing for the first time a Head-Up Display Unit for better speech delivery (Mr Willis will be using one at the Brighton conference next week), so be it.

Mr Willis is a poor orator. Typically, the TUC's chiefs worry more about the jocular effect of a bad speech than how it appears to the populace. But even they have to acknowledge that the public impression given by a rambling discourse counts if the TUC is trying to win the hearts and minds of a public which has a long memory of unjustified industrial action and union arrogance.

Mr Willis has the aspect of a fall-guy. He is the titular head of a movement fighting economic change and ideological dissolution. There is not only little love lost between leading figures, but their very conceptions of trade unionism in the 1980s are profoundly opposed. Despite the clear evidence of public opinion polls and the 1983 election result, the leaders of Nupe and Nalco can still hedge their commitment to accepting statutory rules on ballots for industrial action without being prepared in any way to relinquish their claims to legal privilege. The weasel words of the motion on ballots for next week — differentiating

between strikes and other industrial action — show how great has been Mr Willis's task in putting into practice his acceptance that since 1979 "time has moved on."

The bulk of the work of a TUC general secretary is bureaucratic diplomacy. It is about holding incompatible bodies together. It is about maintaining, through such bodies as the Manpower Services Commission and the National Economic Development Office, the notion that the TUC is a "partner" with government rather than a mere interest group.

Mr Willis's performance, as far as can be judged, in such matters is highly competent. He has been strong in the News International dispute and has strongly rejected cries for the expulsion of the electricians. He has, like his predecessor Mr Len Murray, made much of the ending of trade union membership at the Government Communications Headquarters, seeing this, rightly, as a promising issue of principle.

Mr Willis is not a Len Murray with his Labour intellectual's strength, nor is he a Feather or a Woodcock. But to visit on his head his affiliation is surely wrong. Mr Willis is the general secretary of a union movement in decline, its members pulling against a government and possibly against the age. To maintain even a semblance of unity is no mean feat.

MORALS AND MARALINGA

Since the report of the McClelland Royal Commission in Australia on the conduct and consequences of British nuclear testing there in the 1950s and 1960s, the two Governments concerned have been bargaining quietly over the exact obligations imposed by the Commission's investigations. There is little sign of agreement on at least one key issue.

The Commission advised that further investigation of lingering plutonium at the Maralinga test range be undertaken and that any further clean-up that was necessary should be carried out and paid for by the British Government. In common with its approach to the Commission while it sat, the official British response has been cautious and minimalist. A more positive attitude would be well worthwhile.

The Hawke government declined to create the suggested Maralinga Commission, setting up instead a group of experts which subsequently recommended a fresh research programme. London is currently being asked to pay half of the £1.4m bill, current indications are that it is resisting this request and the

Australian minister responsible, who is due in London for talks in October, expects to have to renew pressure to split the cost when he arrives.

Technically, of course, Britain does not have any clear obligations. Two agreements, made in 1968 and 1973, close the book. In addition, if Britain agrees to overturn those agreements it may — but will not certainly — affect the Government's ability to resist many other possible claims alleging that safety measures were not of the highest possible standard.

But this is a miserly and pedantic stand which governments of the future will regret if it becomes the beginning and end of our case. Britain owes Australia a huge debt for permission to carry out tests which were crucial to the creation of a British deterrent. Twice since the original clean-up operation in the 1960s, further inquiry has unearthed a more persistent and dangerous problem than had been hitherto realised. A new study has now indicated major residual health risks; a technical group, of which British scientists were represented, has

study at modest cost. Are we really to maintain that because of agreements signed in ignorance of this new information this is a purely Australian problem?

And if Britain accepts, as it should, its share of the burden, it might as well be ready to share some of the real cost which lies further down the road. The exact size of the final bill at Maralinga is unknown, but it will be considerable. Governments for very natural reasons abhor open-ended commitments. But this particular commitment was always destined to be, if not open-ended, wide and long-lasting.

The original tests were conducted in a necessary hurry; that does not mean that the consequences can be dealt with just as briskly. Knowledge of radiation risks, clean-up techniques and public awareness of nuclear issues have all evolved in the two decades since the ranges were "cleaned up". By asking an ally for permission to use its "natural advantages" (in the words of Sir Robert Menzies) for the tests, we put ourselves under an obligation which overrides the legal agreements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arts, science and Victorian values

From Mr Correlli Barnett
Sir, In his letter of August 21 Professor Sir Geoffrey Elton asserts (without offering evidence or reasoning) that to blame this country's poor economic performance on its higher education system is "ignorant parrot talk". Yet, from late Victorian Blue Books through Whitehall investigations in the Second World War to recent surveys by the Department of Trade and Industry and other bodies, a constant theme with regard to Britain's relative industrial decline has lain in the scarce supply of appropriately educated managerial and technical talent, especially when compared with the output of such personnel by our trade rivals.

To cite one outstanding example from the Second World War, "technology transfer" in the field of radar and radio from the brilliant original inventions of a handful of world-class scientists into series production of kit for the Armed Forces was held up for months, even years, because of the scarcity of highly qualified technical and managerial talent in the radio and precision-engineering industries. Professor Elton will discover this if he consults the files of the Radio Board and its sub-committees in the Public Record Office.

Moreover, we currently read again and again in our newspapers (not of course on the literary pages) that Britain's development of new high technology industries is being throttled by lack of appropriately qualified recruits. More broadly, if Professor Elton consults senior industrialists, he will find that they will tell him that a major problem of company development lies in difficulty in finding high quality managers.

Finally, I find it hard to understand Professor Elton's praise of grammar school education as "mind-stretching" when it has traditionally consisted of an even narrower specialisation. Indeed, I am struck by the illiberal nature of the traditional "liberal arts" education, in that it exactly lacks broad culture and wide understanding of the world to which we live.

Surely Professor Handy is right (August 22) to call for a much wider definition of a "liberal education" which would encompass the creative as well as the critical faculties, the solving of problems as well as the writing of

essays, and would end that false but self-fulfilling polarization between the academic and the vocational originally foisted on us by Victorian schoolies such as Dr Arnold, Tiring and Morant, and their Oxbridge connections.

Yours faithfully,
CORRELLI BARNETT,
Churchill Archives Centre,
Churchill College,
Cambridge,
August 22.

From Sir Jack Longland
Sir, Sir Geoffrey Elton makes a number of assertions about the state of English education, assertions unaided by anything so vulgar as evidence. In the interests of brevity, I take up one only of his points: "The introduction of the comprehensives... destroyed not only the mind-stretching skills of the grammar schools but also the technical schools..."

For one thing, the so-called tripartite system of secondary education had one stunted wing — there were extremely few technical secondary schools. For another, Sir Geoffrey shows no awareness of the fact that there have always been good grammar schools and bad grammar schools.

I suppose Stratford-on-Avon must be awarded a plus, because of Shakespeare. Similarly there are now good and bad comprehensive schools. Let me give just one example.

Our local Lady Manners School, a Tudor grammar school foundation, had been for centuries a normally good but occasionally bad school. Twenty or so years ago, we converted it into a comprehensive school, which still provides the membership of the local rugby club and most of the local cricketers, too.

Last year, I understand, our excellent headmaster was invited by the Headmaster of Shrewsbury School to visit him there and explain why the Bakewell comprehensive secondary school managed to obtain such a brilliant list of Oxbridge scholarships and entries. The answer is simple: it is a very good school.

So we'd better forget all this doctrinaire nonsense about comprehensive being a dirty word and grammar an inherently virtuous one.

Yours faithfully,
JACK LONGLAND,
Bridgeway,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Poverty trap on mortgage debt

From Mr Colin George, JP
Sir, I am becoming increasingly concerned at the hardship caused by the rapid rise in mortgage arrears and foreclosures and the new poverty trap that is emerging. If an owner-occupier becomes unemployed there is usually help available from social security towards the payment of mortgage interest, but there is nothing to help those in work whose income suddenly drops.

A tenant in those circumstances may receive help with the rent and general rates, whereas an owner-occupier can only receive help with the general rates.

The solution would be for the existing housing benefit scheme to be extended to cover mortgage interest. This would ensure that help is directed to where it is most needed — for example, to the separated partner remaining in the matrimonial home or to the husband whose wife has given up work to have a baby, struggling to pay the mortgage on one income.

It would be a useful balancing factor when interest rates rise, which has been the cause of much difficulty. Above all, it would reduce the undesirable position which now prevails when, because of housing costs, it is possible to be better off out of work than in work.

It could alternatively be the formula for an all-party agreement to phase out R.A.S. (Mortgage interest relief at source), which at present applies to mortgages up to £30,000.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN GEORGE,
General Secretary,
Citizens' Advice Bureau,
18 Nelson Street,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex,
August 22.

Anxiety on the Rock

From Major R. J. Peliza
Sir, Former Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir William Jackson, in his letter (August 22) omits the important point that two out of the three political parties he mentions are in serious disagreement with the Chief Minister of the reciprocal removal of the Gibraltar garrison. The removal of the Gibraltar garrison would please the Chief Minister, but it would not justify the withdrawal of the British garrison to these two political parties or the majority of the Gibraltarians, for two fundamental reasons:

1. Because Britain has no claim to the territory on the Spanish side of the frontier, but Spain is actively pursuing the claim to the isthmus (Gibraltar Airport). Therefore the removal of the Spanish garrison is of no diplomatic significance to Spain, whilst the withdrawal of the British garrison without Spain renouncing her claim to the airport is clearly symbolic of possible dire consequences to the Gibraltarians.

2. Because one of Spain's conditions for removing the guard is the dismantling of the frontier gates, which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office considers to be only "premature" at this stage, and the present Governor has said this question has been left "on one side for the time being".

These moves, at a time when the sovereignty of the Rock is being currently discussed under the Brussels Agreement suggest, not just to the "cynics" in Gibraltar, as the General believes, but to the population generally, that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is not backing Gibraltar as it should.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT J. PELIZA (former Chief Minister of Gibraltar),
125 Beverley Drive,
Edgware,
Middlesex,
August 22.

Pastures new

From Mr J. M. Grant
Sir, The Third Leader in your edition of today's date (August 21) tells us that Australia has the economic structure of a Third World developing country, but that its population enjoys First World living standards. The Second World would seem, by inference, to avoid the problems and excesses of both the First and Third. Would you, Sir, or one of your correspondents, be kind enough to tell me where the place is, and what it consists of? It sounds a splendid place to retire to.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. GRANT,
Hunty,
Bishopscott,
South Devon,
August 21.

Awful warning

From Dr Kieran Sweeney
Sir, While I am all in favour of speaking and writing plain English, "poison" is a term which needs more accurate definition (letter, August 18). Many medicines are beneficial in therapeutic doses but poisonous in excess.

But confusion can arise, as with the elderly lady whom I treated with Warfarin for her venous thrombosis. When she realised her doctor was feeding her rat poison she stopped this and all her other medication, refused to see me, and complained to the relevant authority.

Last I heard, she was doing fine, no doctor, no medicine. Yours sincerely,
KIERAN G. SWEENEY,
34 Denmark Road,
Exeter,
Devon,
August 21.



ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 27 1936

In 1936 John Logie Baird demonstrated his "Television" "On This Day", January 28, 1936. On November 2, 1936, following the experimental transmissions to the Wireless Exhibition, the world's first high definition (i.e., 405 lines) broadcasting service started from Alexandra Palace, London; there were then about 100 sets in the country.

THE WIRELESS EXHIBITION

From our Wireless Correspondent

The most popular exhibits at Olympia yesterday were the demonstrations of experimental high-definition television from the new B.B.C. station at the Alexandra Palace, there being a steady stream of viewers throughout both periods of transmission. The system used yesterday was that of the Baird Company, while the Marconi E.M.I. system will be demonstrated today. Other London sites where many people had an opportunity of witnessing reception were at the Baird Company's offices in Haymarket and in a waiting room in Waterloo Station...

TODAY'S TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS

The B.B.C. announces that the Television Orchestra of 22 players, conducted by Mr. Hyam Greenbaum, will be televised for the first time today in the variety feature, "Here's Looking at You", which forms part of the programme transmitted from Alexandra Palace for reception on the television screens at Radiolympia.

The following is the approximate timetable of to-day's television transmissions by the Marconi-E.M.I. system:

- 11.57 a.m. and 4.27 p.m., tuning signal; vision and sound.
- 12 noon and 4.30 p.m., signature shot of Alexandra Palace Grounds with sound commentary by Mr. Cecil Lewis.
- 12.2 p.m. and 4.32 p.m., opening announcement.
- 12.3 p.m. and 4.33 p.m., "Post Haste", a Grierson-Jennings documentary film.
- 12.12 p.m. and 4.42 p.m., "Cover to Cover", with Mr. Somerset Maugham, Mr. Julian Huxley, "Sapper", Mr. T.S. Eliot, Miss Rebecca West, and Mr. A.P. Herbert.
- 12.40 p.m. and 5 p.m., Gaumont British news.
- 12.39 p.m. and 5.9 p.m., variety feature, "Here's Looking at You", with the Three Admirals, Miss Helen McKay, The Griffiths Brothers and Miss Lucie, Messrs. Chilton and Thomas, a Television Orchestra feature, and Mr. Leslie Mitchell announcing.
- 1.9 p.m. and 5.39 p.m., film excerpts, *As You Like It*, with Miss Elisabeth Bergner, *It's Love Again*, with Miss Leslie Matthews, *The Amateur Gentleman*, with Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, jun., and Miss Eileen Landi, *When Knights Were Bold*, with Mr. Jack Buchanan, *Two's Company*, with Mr. Ned Sparks and Mr. Gordon Barker, *Rembrandt*, with Mr. Charles Laughton and Miss Gertrude Lawrence, and *Show Boat*, with Mr. Paul Robeson.

TELEVISION IN THE HOME

The possibilities of television in the home were shown in a private demonstration yesterday in the offices of Baird Television, Limited, in the Haymarket. The first and most obvious point in its favour is its compactness. The receiving set is contained in a cabinet no larger than the ordinary radio gramophone, which it resembles. And although it was explained several times during the programme that the demonstration was no more than experimental, to the unpractised eye the result was remarkably satisfactory.

In the programme of films and "direct" performances that was shown the pictures of single persons and scenes free of intricate details were more successful than those in which the miniature screen was crowded. At present the most noticeable flaws in this new entertainment are a tendency to flicker, which it shares with most of the old silent films, and a curious and uneasy shifting of parts within the image which is peculiar to itself. The latter appears most often when the pictures show men themselves still, as in "Post Haste". Mr. John Grierson's documentary film, which is composed entirely of photographs of old prints.

One of the most interesting aspects of the demonstration was the inclusion of an ordinary news film, since a popular part of the service by the B.B.C. has always been its news bulletins...

Upstairs, downstairs

From Miss Frances Vernon
Sir, In 1851 it took seven months to build the Crystal Palace. In 1986, it takes two years — I beg Dr Fitzhugh's (August 22) pardon, 18 months — to replace a couple of lifts at a Tube station.

Go think of modern management in silence and alone. Yours faithfully,
FRANCES VERNON,
33 Regent's Park Road, NW1,
August 22.

Pot luck

From Mr L. D. Mackirdy
Sir, In Tasmania, customers are invited to state their preference for cream teas (letter, August 22). Yours nostalgically,
DONALD MACKIRDY,
21 Beech Court,
Pocklington, York,
August 22.

THE ARTS

Television
Puzzles amidst a wicked tragedy

Hinnah voices echoed down three centuries with uncanny recognizability in *Three Sovereigns for Sarah* (Channel 4), the first part of an American drama about the Salem witch trials.

The script was written with reference to the transcripts of the trials and other documents which recorded the events in a pocket of aberrant puritanism in Massachusetts at the end of the 17th century. In between sonorous lines of contemporary contextualization, the desperate bewilderment of the citizens who were caught up in the tragedy rang clear and true.

Vanessa Redgrave took the central role of a bitter, half-blind goodwife whose two sisters were accused of witchcraft by a small group of young girls from the settlement who fell into fits of screaming and convulsions and insisted that they were being bitten by witches. Redgrave's performance conveyed the mesmerizing resentment of the family who were victimized not so much by the children as by the entire community.

The explanation which the piece offered for the children's possession was not convincing. It suggested that the girls had been superstitious fancies by the nearby Carib slave woman. However, history itself, despite the wealth of written material which survives, can do no better. The drama was most successful in evoking the mean, foolish, culturally inbred society in which the events occurred.

This was not always achieved with subtlety. While the possessed children were the focus of the action, it snowed; as soon as the wrongfully accused matrons took the screen, the sun shone, leaves appeared on the trees and the director applied a bird-song tape to the soundtrack. Despite these devices it was by then too late in the action for the persecuted women to engage the audience's sympathy.

Antonio Gaudi, the architect whose elaborate organic fragments of a cathedral dominates Barcelona's skyline, is another frustrating mystery, a recluse who never discussed his work throughout his long career. Gaudi - *An Act of Kindness* (Channel 4) could not suggest what had inspired the creation of fantasy buildings from bizarre materials such as rubble and broken glass.

In the absence of the material for a classical state-of-the-art biography, we took a pleasant and inspiring mystery tour around Gaudi's buildings in Barcelona and its environs. It would have been illuminating also to see the architect's work related to the traditions of fantastic painting.

Celia Brayfield

Promenade Concert
Luxuriating in a sultry warmth

Philharmonia/
Baudó
Albert Hall/Radio 3

If the Bank Holiday was miserably damp, at least Monday evening's Prom evoked sultry Spanish nights. The music-making was warm and generous, too, and the heat from the television lights could only have had a beneficial effect on the soaked promenaders.

Serge Baudó's conducting grew more confident after a rather stammering account of Chabrier's *España*. The trombones spat out their entries fiercely enough, but the background rhythms were soggy and Baudó's relationship with the Philharmonia in the final accelerando rather reminded me of the W.S. Gilbert character who "led his regiment from behind, he found it less exciting".

Things improved markedly in a selection from Bizet's *L'Arlesienne*. It was not the sort of scorching performance where the Farandole disappears in a cloud of dust, but the steady pace throughout did allow the textures space to breathe and be admired. The horns possibly enjoyed the Carillon a shade too much -



The lengthy partnership of Andrew Davis (left) and the Toronto Symphony is coming to an end, and their European tour which began last night looks to be testing even by the usual standards: interview by Richard Morrison

Striving to make an international name

For the Toronto Symphony ("Orchestra" was officially dropped from the title in 1964) and the Englishman who has been their music director for the last 11 years, the three-week tour which began at the Edinburgh Festival last night, and which brings them to the Proms on Monday, carries with it an enormous burden of aspirations and uncertainties. Even under normal circumstances North American orchestras regard a European tour as a high-pressure examination of their quality, a morale-boosting challenge for their players, and a focus for wider commercial and diplomatic links. But this tour has still greater significance: last October Andrew Davis resigned his musical directorship. He goes at the end of next season.

Inevitably, then, the Canadians will regard their European concerts as representing the summation of their relationship with him, while he would not be human if he did not hope that the tour would remind British and continental managements of his conducting prowess.

There is not quite the turnover in principal conductors that there is in football-club managers, but for a conductor to be tied to an orchestra for 13 seasons is unusual. Davis's immediate

predecessors, Seiji Ozawa and Karol Ancerl, each stayed four years. But, as Davis admits, his career to date has been quite out of the ordinary. "You must remember that when I accepted the Toronto job I'd only been earning my living as a conductor for four years." He had just turned 30 and was still best known as the King's College Cambridge organ scholar who had played harpsichord with the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and whose "big break" in 1970 had come in the classic fashion: taking over a BBC performance of the *Glorious Voss* at the last moment.

The appointment to direct one of North America's largest musical organizations was a shock: "At the time, though, I did desperately want an orchestra of my own, and I thought 'Okay, I know I can do this'. Let's face it, three-quarters of my career has now been spent in Toronto."

He threw himself into the job, becoming an avuncular, soon-bearded (and later rather burly) figure who perhaps exaggerated his Englishness to fit in with the Canadian public's idea of what a British conductor should be like. "I never regretted turning down the outside offers, because a music director should always owe first allegiance to his or-

chestra. I never do less than 18 weeks a year with mine. The Toronto Symphony now is very much a reflection of my musical personality."

Asked to assess his achievements in Toronto, Davis will point primarily to repertoire and to educational projects. The latter involve a vast number of children's workshops and youth concerts and the running of a top-quality youth orchestra - an educational commitment, in short, on a scale British orchestras could never contemplate. It also involves Davis in some rather bizarre pursuits: dressing up in a lion's costume, for instance, to conduct the *Caraval of the Animals*. "Bringing music to children in a way that is fresh and not didactic, except in a cunningly concealed way, is a challenge I enjoy very much," he says. The investment of money and talent makes good business sense too: "You're building your future audience here."

As for repertoire, the enormous Canadian emphasis on selling subscription series rather than individual concerts allows Davis considerable breadth in programming. And, as he says, "In Toronto I really am the boss. I hire and fire, I choose all the programmes, the guest conductors and artists: I'm responsible for a whole city's

orchestral diet. And over the years I have been there I think the Toronto public have become more sophisticated and adventurous. You have to compare it favourably with London."

His own tastes incline him to the late Romantics - Mahler, Elgar, Sibelius, Nielsen - but during the coming season he directs *and plays in* Saini-Saens's *Organ Symphony*, he conducts *Jeux and Galatea*, and the names of Dugare, Bruch, Bax and Tippett (the Canadian premiere of *The Task of Time*) feature along with many contemporary Canadian composers and, of course, the standard classical fare. It is, therefore, rather a pity that the repertoire chosen for the tour should be comparatively conventional (Edinburgh asked for a double bill of Stravinsky dramatic works, to be given tomorrow, but at the Proms a Mozart piano concerto and Mahler's Ninth Symphony are on the programme).

No relationship between principal conductor and orchestra is ever trouble-free, and one stretching over more than a decade is liable to build up considerable antagonisms. At Toronto recently Davis's life has been none too easy. "I've made a lot of mistakes, in musical and other terms,



Diversification. Toronto style: Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, to be given at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow, with Frank Augustyn (left), Jeff Hyslop and Karen Kain

million dollars", says Davis. And perhaps the biggest disappointment has been the move four years ago to the Roy Thomson Hall, the orchestra's space-age new home in central Toronto. It is now considered to have the poorest acoustics of any major concert hall in Canada.

Inevitably these aggravations led to speculation that Davis was being pushed from his job, and he himself told a Canadian newspaper that the orchestra's board was "not unwelcome of a change of horses". But he now strongly maintains that the decision was completely his own. "The point is really that 13 years is a long period. It's time to diversify my life, to work more in Britain particularly and Europe generally." He has already established good guest-conductor relationships, notably with the Philharmonia ("we get on like a house on fire"). Now he also has time to develop his opera interests,

which (despite his *Stolant* at Covent Garden earlier this year, and his long-standing Glyndebourne connections) have lain comparatively latent. "Don Giovanni at Glyndebourne this summer was only my second Mozart; I am doing *Figaro*, also with Peter Hall, next year in Chicago. And in 1989 I conduct my first Wagner: *Tristan* in Houston. Funny, I never thought I would start with that. *Meistersinger* has always been my favourite. Actually I don't know *Tristan* that well."

In general, though, Davis would like more time to consider the scores he is conducting. "I'm looking forward to retracting a little from the diversity of repertoire needed at Toronto. I mean, I don't want to jet around conducting the same 12 pieces. But to concentrate on a slightly smaller repertoire, and perhaps to go into it more deeply - that would be beneficial."

Celia Brayfield reports on opportunities spurned at the Edinburgh International Television Festival

Pervasive smugness

Graham Bright wanted to show how the professionals handle disaster

Robert Kilroy-Silk suggested violence desensitizes its audience



"Dead corpses don't in any way portray the intimate tragedy of what happened", said Jon Snow of ITN, talking about the news coverage of the Heysel football stadium disaster. The delegates at the Edinburgh International Television Festival nodded, unmoved. The chairman of the discussion, Robert Kilroy-Silk, invited Snow and his colleagues to consider the possibility that violence on television desensitized the audience; he could also have raised the notion that the profession of showing violence on television might desensitize the broadcasting journalist. Already Kilroy-Silk, the closest recruit to the mediocrity, had learnt to weave the cloak of invisibility by which broadcasters conceal their role in society.

This was the eleventh Television Festival and its theme was "Voices from the Furniture", implying the rights and responses of society to the medium. For an intoxicating instant I thought that this frame of reference would entail an invitation to the public to take part in the four-day event. No chance.

Instead, a token real person, Brian Tyler, the headmaster whose comprehensive school was the subject of an observational documentary series, was permitted to contribute a few sentences. Talking about the filming, he recalled "Trust was bruited all the time, but ultimately there can't be trust, because broadcasters are going to

break it in the interests of their programme". This was sound advice for all potential media victims, as confessions made throughout the festival confirmed. Paul Watson, famous for his series of fly-on-the-wall documentaries including *The Fishing Party*, freely admitted that he encouraged his subjects to get drunk in order to have them behave as grossly as he wished; the producer of the *Rough Justice* programme which was criticized by the Lord Chief Justice for its outrageous methods defended himself by referring to a directive from his department head which specifically condoned the use of "socially or legally unacceptable" methods in order to get the story. The festival was pervaded by a complacency which was apparent even to some of its participants. As the grueling 2½-hour discussions

succeeded each other, the tone of the event began to sound like the anti-heroic commercial. So people are exploited. So ethnic minorities are marginalized, so women do not make proper career progress, so community video-makers are starved of funds, so there is censorship in South Africa - so they had some problems. So what? They could handle it. Television is an enclosed order, a narcissistic, obsessive profession which avoids contact with the rest of society. "These are the real people who make real people on television look real," announced another session chairman, Pansy Taylor. Pansy Taylor paused to consider the nature of the phoney reality that was thus disseminated. From a hypothetical debate on scheduling, Michael Grade on BBC 1 versus John Birt on ITV, came

the view of the public as an audience, a passive mass to be led from show to show by the carefully selected seductive qualities of programmes. From a discussion on game-shows and documentaries came the view of the public as a resource to be plundered, sifted in the ratio of one to five hundred for individuals confident, good-looking and articulate enough to accord with television's notion of what a real human being is like. Broadcasters seldom see the public as human beings with equal rights to command the attention of their fellows. They see them as passive and inanimate objects - furniture indeed.

British television has very little capacity to entertain genuine responses from the society it serves. British society is extremely apathetic towards the medium which is its primary source of both information and entertainment. Broadcasters allow scraps of access programming on minority channels, and grudgingly toss crumbs of finance to the growing community programme sector, but they have little genuine commitment to interaction with the public. Instead they prefer to hide behind the technical complexity of their profession and ensure that ordinary people remain in ignorance of the values and processes of the medium. Any "real" person who had gained entry to the Television Festival would probably have been massively bored and made contributions of the level of asking why his or her favourite programme was not being transmitted. As part of this chilling mystification process, television practitioners deny their own participation in society. This was clearly shown in the session on the news



coverage of the Heysel stadium tragedy. Festival delegates were shown the uncut BBC news footage of the event in which 40 people died; it included shots of distressed people waving away cameras, of photographers standing in front of the stricken calmly snapping away, of anguished men who addressed the camera directly and of rioters who had masked themselves in order not to be recognized on television. The professionals chose at once to cut these elements of the story, despite the role that television is known to play in football violence. In contrast Graham Bright, the Conservative MP for Luton South who was also invited to compile a news report from the raw footage, chose to include some of these scenes, but elected to omit the sensational and distressing close-ups of the dead and dying.

When Walter Merricks, the lawyer who chaired the *Rough Justice* session, accepted the job he was asked the festival organizer for all the books, papers and written material relating to journalistic ethics in broadcasting. There was nothing to give him. If any broadcasters had ever considered how they should interact with society, they had been careful never to make their thoughts public. The festival was an opportunity to correct this deficiency, an opportunity which the entire profession spurned in favour of considering its own interests.

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At first, for instance, there seems absolutely nothing in common between the five women: the youngest undergoing proxyisms of rage, the oldest staring vacantly into a dead television screen. As they start conversing, rehearsing old arguments, welcoming their sister (the only other character), the links start developing, showing how the enraged 40-year-old mother became the carefree waitress of 50, and then the drugged life-hating recluse of 70. It sounds a technical impossibility except as a series of parallel monologues, but Tremblay achieves full dramatic confrontation by means of divorcing chronological from theatrical time, and taking advantage of the fact that the elders know more than the younger selves, and that there are some hideous matters that none of them wants to drag into the open. By such means, the memories inside one head change into a plot in the present tense. This, more than the documentary detail is the sense that informs Bill Glassco's beautifully orchestrated pro-

Changes at Scottish Ballet

Peter Darrell, artistic director of the Scottish Ballet, has decided to relinquish that post. He feels that after 30 years running the company and its predecessor, Western Theatre Ballet, he would like to concentrate his energies on his creative work. He will maintain his links with the company and has accepted the title of founder choreographer. Scottish Ballet is now seeking a new artistic director, someone who will maintain the company's strong basis in classical ballet while continuing Darrell's policy of bringing in new work for a balanced repertory.

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Ensign bid extended

Ensign Trust, the investment trust 80 per cent owned by the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, said it had received acceptances for 26.7 per cent of Berry Trust at yesterday's first closing date for its hostile £86 million takeover offer and is extending its bid by a week.

Templeton up

Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger, the US investment house, announced a 47 per cent jump in its interim pretax profit to \$23.2 million (£15.6 million). The interim dividend was 3 cents, and for the full year will be not less than 40 per cent of profit after tax.

Woodrow rise

The construction company, Taylor Woodrow, reported interim pretax profits up from £19.5 million to £20.1 million. The 1985 figure was accounted to reflect a change in accounting policy. Turnover fell from £389 million to £377 million. The dividend was increased by 12.5 per cent to 2.25p net.

Lloyds trims

Lloyds Bank said it had cut the size of its China trade department staff in Hong Kong but denied it was reducing its presence in China.

Edgar resigns

Mr Anthony Edgar has relinquished the post of chairman of Ratners (Jewellers) and has resigned from its board and from boards of other companies within the group. Mr Gerald Ratner, chief executive, becomes chairman and chief executive.

Project sold

Simi Investment Inc of Los Angeles, an affiliate of Rohan California Investment, has sold its 135,000 sq ft high-technology development in Simi Valley, California, to the Whitaker Corp for \$6.9 million, recovering its total equity in the project.

Bristol deal

Bristol Oil & Minerals has signed an agreement to sell its interests in the Dutch North Sea for £2.6 million to Energieversorgung Weser-EMS of Germany.

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MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets (New York, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, etc.), Interest Rates (London, Bank Base, etc.), and Currencies (London, New York, etc.).

US prime rate cut renews UK optimism

Leading banks in the United States reduced their prime lending rates yesterday. The move fuelled strong gains on Wall Street and encouraged a return of interest rate optimism in London. Morgan Guaranty Trust reduced its prime rate from 8 per cent to 7.5 per cent at the start of business and was quickly followed by the First National Bank of Chicago, the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Continental Illinois and Chase Manhattan.

Imbalances 'to persist'

Large imbalances in the world economy will persist despite the dollar's sharp fall against other currencies, a report from Goldman Sachs, the US investment house, says. The US trade deficit and the corresponding surpluses in West Germany and Japan will last until action is taken to complement the change in currency values, according to Goldman Sachs. This includes cutting the US budget deficit, reducing 'excess' savings in Japan and reversing declining public sector deficits in Germany.

Norwegian premier confirms talks on cutting oil output

Stavanger (Reuters) - Norway, the second largest oil producer in Western Europe yesterday gave the firmest indication so far that it will try to help the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to boost world oil prices by cutting back its own output. Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Prime Minister, addressing an oil conference, said the Norwegian Government would contact oil companies operating in Norway's offshore fields to discuss 'how possible restrictions in production can be best implemented'.

Brazil to seek reduction in debt payments

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) - Brazil will try to negotiate a reduction of its debt servicing to about 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product from 3.8 per cent, a spokesman for the Finance Ministry said. He said this would be achieved partly by projected GDP growth of at least 7 per cent over the coming years, lower interest payments and rescheduling of debt payments over longer periods.

Tomkins team takes over at Pegler

Mr Greg Hutchings, chief executive of the FH Tomkins engineering group, has rung the changes among the top management at Pegler-Hattersley, the valve and tap maker captured by Tomkins in June after a bitterly-fought £192 million takeover battle. As part of a restructuring at Tomkins, Mr Harold Grace, managing director of Pegler, is taking early retirement, two years before his contract expires, while the Pegler company secretary, Mr Alastair Miller, and divisional directors, Mr John Hope and Mr Henry Nelson, are resigning.

Sandberg says Hong Kong's goal remains to buy a European bank

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is out to buy a European commercial bank. Announcing interim profits up 7.9 per cent to HK\$1197 million (£104 million), Sir Michael Sandberg, chairman, said the acquisition of a European bank 'remains a goal'. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has already turned down the Hong Kong bank's agreed merger with the Royal Bank of Scotland, but Sir Michael said, it had not been deterred.



Williams doubles profits

Williams Holdings, the acquisition-minded industrial holding company, more than doubled its pretax profits in the six months to June 30. They jumped to £5.5 million from £2.7 million last year. Turnover rose by 57 per cent to £75 million. Williams announced yesterday that it will pay an interim net dividend of 5p a share. And, if there are no unforeseen circumstances, it will pay a final of 9p, making a total of 14p.

BSR moves back into the black

BSR International moved back into the black in the first half of 1986. Pretax profits of £3.6 million were reported yesterday compared with last year's interim loss of £3 million. The profits benefited from a pension fund-related credit of about £1 million. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £149.1 million. The interim dividend was increased by 9 per cent from 0.55p to 0.6p.

BP venture

British Petroleum and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation have signed a contract to search for oil in the southern part of the Yellow Sea.

Heron offers £50m for Rumasa assets

By Judith Huntley Commercial Property Correspondent Heron International, Britain's second largest private company, whose chairman is Mr Gerald Ronson, is making a Peseta 10 billion (£50 million) cash offer for the property division of Spain's Rumasa Group, the financial and industrial conglomerate which was taken over by the Spanish Government in 1983 on the verge of collapse.

BET wins control of Bregreen Holdings

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Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd. FIRST SIX MONTHS 1986

I am delighted to report to you that for the six months ended 30th June, 1986, the Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd. companies performed even better than anticipated. You will see that after-tax profits for this period were £17,617,000, an increase of 44 per cent over the previous half-year period's return of £12,243,000. Earnings per share grew to 11.0 cents. Assets under management attained \$9,146 million. Of the increase in assets under management \$1,077 million was attributable to mutual fund sales and new private accounts. Based upon these results, on 23rd August, the Board of Directors declared an interim dividend of 3 cents per share which will be payable on 8th October to the shareholders of record on 17th September, 1986.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (unaudited)

Table with columns for Six months ended 30th June (1986, 1985) and rows for Turnover, Operating profit, Profit on ordinary activities before taxation, Profit for the period, Earnings per ordinary share, Interim dividend of 3 cents per share.

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For a copy of the interim statement August 1986, please apply to The Secretary, Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd., PO Box 2716, Adelphi, Bathurst or to Capenhurst & Co., 12 Tottenham Yard, London, EC2R 6JN.

WALL STREET

	Aug 25	Aug 22	Aug 25	Aug 22	Aug 25	Aug 22		
AMR	55 1/2	55 1/2	Firestone	24 1/2	24 1/2	Pizzari	68 1/2	67 1/2
Alcoa	41 1/4	42 1/4	First Chicago	61 1/2	61 1/2	Phelps Dope	75 1/2	76 1/2
Allied Signal	50 1/2	51 1/2	Fiat Pann G	8	8	Phelps Pat	8 1/2	9 1/2
Alle Chem	36 1/2	36 1/2	FT Wachs	42 1/2	42 1/2	Polaroid	67	67
Amax Inc	12	12 1/2	GAF Corp	33 1/2	33 1/2	Prior Genl	77	78 1/2
Amstar Inc	58 1/2	58 1/2	Gen Corp	58 1/2	58 1/2	Pub S & G	45 1/2	45 1/2
Am Brands	52 1/2	54 1/2	Gen Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2	Raychem	62	63
Am Can	88 1/2	81	Gen Dyne	74	74 1/2	Rylands Mat	42 1/2	43 1/2
Am Chem	85 1/2	87 1/2	Gen Electric	74 1/2	75	Rickwell Int	42 1/2	43 1/2
Am E Pwr	30 1/2	31	Gen Int	21 1/2	21 1/2	Royal Dutch	87 1/2	87 1/2
Am Express	64 1/2	63 1/2	Gen Mills	86 1/2	86 1/2	Safeway	66 1/2	66 1/2
Am Home	90 1/2	91 1/2	Gen Motors	72 1/2	72 1/2	Sara Lee	68 1/2	70 1/2
Am Motors	29 1/2	29 1/2	Gen Pac Utry	24 1/2	24 1/2	Schiffhard	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am S'nd	28 1/2	27 1/2	Gen Pac	36 1/2	36 1/2	Scott Paper	61 1/2	60 1/2
Am Telegraph	23 1/2	23 1/2	Georgia Pac	35 1/2	34 1/2	Seagram	32 1/2	32 1/2
Amoco	64 1/2	64 1/2	Goodrich	39 1/2	39 1/2	Sherrill Fibre	45 1/2	47 1/2
Arco Steel	6 1/2	6 1/2	Goodyear	33 1/2	34	Sherrill Trans	53 1/2	53 1/2
Asarco	12 1/2	12 1/2	Grain Processing	19 1/2	19 1/2	Singer	30 1/2	30 1/2
Aviation	55 1/2	55 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sony	90 1/2	91 1/2
Avon Products	38 1/2	38 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sony	90 1/2	91 1/2
Bank of NY	51 1/2	52 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Bankers	12 1/2	12 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Bk of East	42 1/2	42 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Bk of NY	67 1/2	68 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Beth Steel	64 1/2	64 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Boeing	60 1/2	61 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
Borg	37 1/2	37 1/2	Grain	46 1/2	50 1/2	Sperry Corp	76 1/2	76 1/2
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Inquiry by EEC into 'fertilizer dumping'

From Jonathan Brande Brussels

The competition directorate of the European Economic Community is expected to open a new anti-dumping inquiry into a number of unnamed American suppliers of the liquid fertilizer, urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), in the next few days.

The inquiry will be into a complaint brought by the EEC Fertiliser Industry Association (CMC).

The CMC case, if successful, could lead to firmer prices for this product during the 1987-88 fertilizer season, although EEC sources have emphasized that the price is also subject to fluctuations in the value of the dollar and the cost of natural gas-based feedstocks.

CMC - its members include UAN producers such as ICI, BASF and several Dutch and French companies - alleges that some United States companies have been selling the product at prices well below those in the American market.

The sudden influx of American supplies over the past year, after a three-year absence from the EEC market, has caused a considerable loss of market share for domestic producers.

France, which accounts for 70 per cent of the UAN market in the EEC, imported about 70 000 tonnes nitrogen equivalent, 15 per cent of consumption, from the US in the 1985-86 season to February.

Leaner and fitter BSR is back on course

BSR International finds it almost as hard to chart its progress as do analysts, no doubt because of its dependence on the volatile US market. However, the pundits are still trying to find their feet in the quagmire of the group's fortunes.

Prospects looked good in 1983 and 1984, when reported results raced ahead from a 1982 loss of £17.4 million, to profits of £20.8 million and £26.8 million respectively. A 1982 rationalization programme appeared to be having the desired effect.

However, hopes were dashed last year when the group plunged into losses. The sharp fall in the computer-related market was to blame. Moves are afoot now to make BSR less dependent on high volume, low margin business.

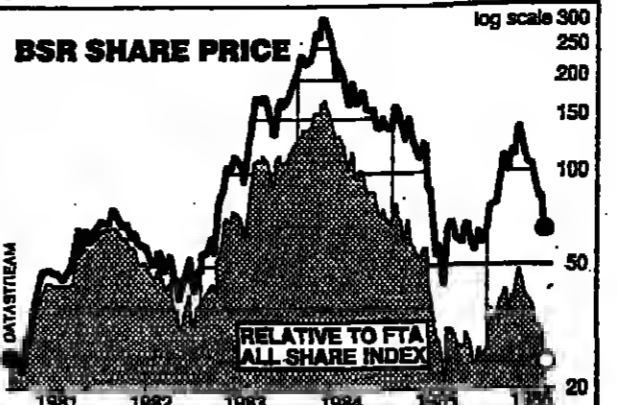
Although yesterday's interim results saw the group back in profit, there is still a question mark over the strength of the recovery and the potential of new products.

Money is being invested in higher margin areas. Power supplies, cellular radio and associated communications products and electronic display systems are obvious recipients. Next year, the company hopes that communications will be contending for the title of biggest profit earner.

The full order book owes more to a genuine pick up in demand rather than a further reshuffling of business from last year. At present, BSR is playing safe and is resisting the temptation to expand its manufacturing capacity. In the longer term, acquisitions remain a priority.

BSR is now leaner and fitter. The balance sheet is healthier and in time Swan Housewares may be floated off a la Tenby Industries. However, a leaner company may make a taster morsel for a predator.

BSR, to feel less vulnerable, needs to avoid upsetting the market. Expectations for the present year are under £15 million, having been £20 million.



Looking forward to next year, more than £20 million is needed to keep people happy. The low rating, about half the market's average, indicates that there are still sceptics around.

Templeton

By most of the criteria by which fund managers are measured, Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger has done well in the six months to June 30. The interim results announced yesterday showed a pretax profit increase of 47 per cent to £23.2 million (£15.6 million) on turnover which was up 66 per cent to £68.6 million.

Assets under management grew by £2.2 billion from the end of 1985 to £9.1 billion at the interim stage. Approximately half of this growth was attributable to capital appreciation of investments and half to new funds. Some £200 million of these were "separate accounts" such as pension funds and foundations. The rest was sales of mutual funds (unit trusts).

The company is generating cash at a prodigious rate and now has liquid resources of nearly \$26 million. It is likely that the group will buy a unit trust or similar organization, most probably in the UK after the big bang. While the group's investment record is excellent, most of its success is attributed to one man, its founder and leading light, Mr John Templeton, who is 73.

He is responsible for managing \$6 billion of mutual funds. But the \$3.1 billion of separate funds is managed by other professionals in the firm, including security analysts. And while he may get most decisions right, such as investing in Spanish banks, the group missed out in West Germany because he did not like German accounting.

At a price of 213p, the shares are not out of line with similar vehicles.

Taylor Woodrow

A set of results from a naturally cautious group such as Taylor Woodrow which are acknowledged by the directors as anything more exciting than "not unsatisfactory" would send the shares soaring ahead. However, even the chairman and chief executive, Frank Gibb, would have liked yesterday's interims to have been a marginally better.

The phasing of property sales and the effect of a lower oil price are reasons given for a dull first half. Currency movements were also blamed even though average exchange rates are now used.

Around 10 per cent was lopped off profits owing to poor figures from Octavian Atkinson, the structural steel business and from Sealboth Maritime which is dependent on oil exploration work. General overseas work has been depressed by a cutback from economies based on oil.

Housing in the UK continues to reflect a buoyant market but trading is poor in Houston, Texas, Florida and Western Australia.

For the year as a whole, before restatements, Taylor Woodrow should improve on last year's £53.7 million. It will have to work hard, however, to change the big figure to a six. Doubts that it will do this could hold the shares back in the short term.

COMPANY NEWS

TENBY INDUSTRIES: Figures in £000 for six months to June 28. Profit before tax 1,535 (1,378), tax 25 (nil), extraordinary items credit 1,000 (nil). Earnings per share 8.58p (7.83p). The directors believe that there will be continuing growth and progress in the second half. As indicated in the director for sale document, the directors expect to recommend a final dividend of 2.7p.

EUROPEAN ASSETS TRUST: Interim (in Dutch guilders) £10.04 (same). Figures in £1000 for six months to June 30. Total income 2,385 (2,343), net income 1,830 (1,969). Earnings per share £10.07 (10.08).

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES: Interim dividend 2.2p (2.2). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Pretax profit 4,025 (5,274), tax 1,535 (1,771). Earnings per share 6.2p (9.1p). The chairman says that the outlook is more encouraging. There has been a moderate improvement in the underlying trend of the order intake in Britain and, providing this is maintained, a return to more satisfactory profitability can be anticipated for the second half.

ASPEN COMMUNICATIONS: Interim dividend 1.3p (1). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Pretax profit 931 (440), tax 334 (154). Earnings per share 7.54p (4.32). Earnings per share have been calculated on 7,478,617 (6,231,260) ordinary shares. The chairman says the outlook is good for continued progress in line with the company's high growth targets.

EMESS LIGHTING: Interim dividend 2.5p (1.9p) for half year to June 30. Figures in £000. Profit on ordinary activities 1,407 (1,120), tax 506 (448), profit after tax 901 (672). Earnings per share 6p (5). The comparative figures for 1985 have been adjusted to take account of the merger of Martin Electric in September, 1985.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Continental Trust	10.00%
C-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Hongkong Bank

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1986 Interim Report

The Directors announce that the unaudited profit for the six months ended 30 June 1986 attributable to the shareholders of the Bank was HK\$1,197 million (1985: HK\$1,109 million), an increase of 7.9%. The profit was arrived at after providing for taxation and after making transfers to inner reserves.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.13 per share (1985: HK\$0.125 adjusted), an increase of 4%. The dividend will be payable on 1 October 1986 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders on 30 September 1986.

	6 months to 30 June 1986		6 months to 30 June 1985	
	HK\$m	£m	HK\$m	£m
Net profit of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and its subsidiary companies	1,354	113	1,227	121
Share of net profits of associated companies	287	24	247	24
Profit attributable to minority interests in subsidiary companies	1,641	137	1,474	145
Profit attributable to the shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	(444)	(37)	(365)	(36)
Transfers to reserves by subsidiary and associated companies	1,197	100	1,109	109
Interim Dividend	(78)	(7)	(61)	(6)
	(491)	(41)	(472)	(46)
Balance brought forward	628	52	576	57
Transfer to Reserve Fund	2,271	190	2,270	223
Exchange adjustments	(573)	(48)	(715)	(70)
Retained profits carried forward	(4)	-	(63)	(6)
	2,322	194	2,068	204
Earnings per share	HK\$0.32	£0.026	HK\$0.29	£0.028
Dividend per share	HK\$0.13	£0.011	HK\$0.125	£0.012
Consolidated Balance Sheet details				
Total Assets	30 June 1986	31 December 1985		
Shareholders' Funds	613,058	51,182	545,610	48,563
	23,705	1,979	21,882	1,948

Prospects for the rest of 1986

In Hong Kong stable economic conditions prevailed during the first half. The stock market was firmer and the higher level of property prices achieved after last year's strong gains was maintained. Declining interest rates, and an exchange rate which continued to be linked to the U.S. Dollar, resulted in an improvement in the competitive position of the manufacturing sector. There was a sharp increase in domestic exports, though to some extent this was offset by a decline in the value of re-exports. Demand for consumer finance remained strong but although a limited number of large scale financing projects began to come on stream overall loan demand was sluggish.

Overseas, weak commodity and energy prices made for difficult conditions in the Bank's traditional areas of operations. Economic growth in the United States remained disappointing and the effect, aggravated by rising fears of protectionism, continued to be felt by the South East Asian economies. The United States Administration however continues to predict a pick up in growth brought about by a further decline in interest rates and if their predictions prove to be correct this gives some grounds for optimism. Profit growth in most subsidiary and associated companies is encouraging and is expected to remain so.

Against this background the trend of the Group's earnings is expected to show a steady improvement and your Directors expect to recommend a final dividend of not less than HK\$0.27 per share.

Closing of Register of Shareholders

The Register of Shareholders will be closed from 15 September until 30 September 1986 (both dates inclusive). In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers (accompanied by the relevant share certificates) must be lodged with the Registrars not later than 4.00 pm on 12 September 1986.

Directors' Interests

At 30 June 1986 Directors and their associates had the following interests in the shares of the Bank and in the shares of Common Stock of Marine Midland Banks, Inc. Except where otherwise indicated these interests were beneficial interests.

	Bank	Marine Midland	Bank	Marine Midland
D E Connolly	120,000	-	H M P Miles	36,400
PCS Deveson	16,944	-	C W Newton	3,696
	2,904*	-	A R Petric	32,002
E W Duffy	1,650	4,999	J R Petty	2,158*
R C Farrell	30,000	-	W Purves	481
FR Frame	12,480	-	Sir Michael Sandberg	96,280
D G Jaques	41,298	-	H Solmen	346,257
S L Keswick	4,720*	-	J C C Tang	24,000
K S Li	1,225,248	3,000		
J W McKee, Jr.	8,250	-		
	24,000*	-		

* non-beneficial interests

By Order of the Board
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Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 August 1986

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Turner & Newall PLC

OFFER FOR AE PLC

VALUE OF T&N OFFER: (part share, part cash)

260p

AE SHARE PRICE:

235p

AE SHARE PRICE BEFORE OFFER: 182p

CLOSING DATE OF OFFER: Friday, 29th August, 1986 unless extended*

Value of offer is based on share price of Turner & Newall at 3.30pm on 26th August, 1986. AE share price and AE share price before offer are prices at 3.30pm on 26th August, 1986 and on 19th June, 1986 respectively. *If the offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptance on or by 29th August, 1986, the part share, part cash offer will remain open for not less than fourteen days thereafter.

PSIT Property Security Investment Trust p.l.c.

PROFIT UP DIVIDEND INCREASE

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. R. Perry:

- Profit before tax rose from £4.7 million to £5.4 million.
- Gross rents increased from £6.8 million to £8.1 million.
- Work commenced on Chichester Business Park, a 90 acre site at Basingstoke.
- Planning application for 50 acre retail park at Tyme Tunnel.
- Further retail property purchased since year end.
- Two thirds of borrowings are now long term.
- Net asset value £1.80 per share against £1.54 per share last year.
- Dividend increased by 20% to 2.5p per share.

	Results for the year ended 31st March 1986	1985	1984
Rents receivable	£8,061	£6,816	£6,097
Net property income	6,955	5,819	5,369
Profit before tax	5,406	4,729	4,044
Ordinary dividend per share	2.5p	2.08p	1.87p
Share capital and reserves	104,065	95,624	87,346

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Investors regain confidence and oil shares find favour

US prime rate cuts and hopes that Germany will follow with lower rates tomorrow helped to support share prices which had been showing signs of flagging as the last leg of the long holiday account got underway yesterday.

The FT 30 share index improved by 5.4 points to close at 1276.6 while the FTSE 100 index forged ahead 9.1 points to 1616.2.

Trading began sluggishly with many dealers still on holiday, but confidence returned as investors ignored Wall Street's overnight fall and began nibbling at selective stocks.

Oil was particularly favoured again as BP increased petrol prices by another 5p a gallon. A firm spot price and hopes of an encouraging statement tomorrow were other sympathetic factors to lift the shares 13p to 653p while Shell, helped by a buoyant opening on Wall Street, advanced 16p to 901p.

Other explorers moved ahead between 5p and 8p. Insurances were also buoyant supported by a firm dollar against a nervous pound. Sam Alliance, at 705p, and Gann-Jain, Royal, 857p, both with interim figures next Wednesday, climbed 14p.

Brokers also did well with C E Heath rallying 13p to 487p after last week's weakness that stemmed from the loss of three prominent American dealers.

Leading industrials were largely neglected, but P & O managed a 3p rise to 508p ahead of figures next week, and Vickers, reporting later in September, gained 7p to 405p.

Profit-taking clipped 6p from Lucas at 525p, but British Aerospace were wanted ahead of the Farnborough Air Show, up 13p to 511p. Gilt's recouped early falls of a ¼ and ended little changed on balance.

Builders had several firm spots on the trend to cheaper borrowing, but John Laing 'A' slipped 1p to 415p as employees cashed in their share options. Blue Circle, under pressure recently due to the threat of cheap Greek imports, eased 3p to 553p ahead of today's first half profits.

Dealers are hoping for between £44 million and £46 million, down from £52.5 million for the same period last year. Taylor Woodrow hardened 2p to 338p after a satisfactory earnings increase and Tarmac up on 4p to 478p on the prospect of a big contract to build a new marina at Eastbourne.

Press comment lifted Treacherwood 15p to 460p, but a cautious mention knocked 40p from Wingate Property Investments at 410p. London & Midland, at 220p, gave back 8p of last Friday's late rise that followed news of merger talks with Williams Holdings, 5p better at 650p after a bumper set of profits.

Chloride did well at 54p, 5p, as directors began a tour of brokers to advertise the company's recovery potential. There have been rumours of a stake build-up and plans for a sale of the Indian subsidiary.

Babcock added 5p to 190p on hopes of a contract from the Sizewell 'B' project due to be announced soon. The figures are scheduled for Thursday of next week.

Castlebar celebrated a return to profitability with a 5p rise to 73p. In contrast, a 24 per cent profit setback cut 10p from Cambridge Electronics at 200p. Emsco Lighting put on 8p to 288p after a 26 per cent earnings expansion. President Entertainment jumped 11p to 126p in anticipation of a cheerful statement today.

Cadbury hardened 19p to 170p on the Dr Pepper deal, but Rowntree fell 8p to 375p on small selling. Expansion hopes boosted Lamont Holdings 15p to 175p and speculative demand excited Wessex, another old takeover candidate, up 14p to 108p.

Stores were selectively supported with Freemans up 6p to 450p. Reed Executive contin-

Pension funds' sixfold growth

By Amanda Gee Smyth

Pension funds in Britain and the US have increased in size by 500 per cent in the past 10 years, according to a survey published today. The survey, on the growing role of pension funds in domestic and international financial markets, was conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

By 1983, the top 300 American money managers controlled funds worth more than \$2,000 billion, the survey, *The Challenge of Private Pension Funds*, says.

About 50 per cent of investment fund portfolios in Britain and North America are invested in shares. Nevertheless, the American pension funds invested more than \$1 billion last year on fixed-interest Eurobonds, a figure that could double in 1986, according to the report.

It points out that ageing populations will affect spending on government pensions relative to available national resources, with developed countries seeing old age dependency ratios soaring in the next century.

For the big seven industrialized countries, the peak will be reached in 50 years' time.

The role of fund managers is therefore increasingly important as they contribute immensely to the improvement and stability of national capital markets, the survey says.

If real growth rates are sustained, together with high employment, the scope for private-sector provision would be enlarged as life expectancy increases, pension periods lengthen and people retire earlier.

But if a zero real growth rate in gross domestic product, coupled with high and persistent unemployment occurs, it might be difficult to maintain the current social security structures and the concentration of resources on the very poor should take the form of means tests based on basic provisions or a similar approach.

In Europe, apart from Britain, banks rather than pension funds have generally played the intermediary role in providing funds for industry. Pension funds as institutional investors are almost non-existent in Italy and France, the report says.

COMMENT BET strong runner in the conglomerate race

BET used to be a ragbag; now that it has introduced some logic into its operations, it is almost harder to place. After the disappointment of losing SGB, Nicholas Wills, the second generation chief executive who has transformed BET, won the second leg of his summer treble yesterday by clinching the acquisition of Brengreen Holdings, the industrial cleaning group. He has already made an agreed takeover of the Shorrock intruder alarm business. But, despite aid from Michael Ashcroft's Hawley, he has yet to crack the tougher nut of the HAT group.

Mr Wills, under the watchful eye of chairman Hugh Dundas, has done exactly what he said he would. BET now has five divisions aiming at strong market positions. In the process, BET has sold £250 million of its old businesses, many finally owing more to sentiment than logic, and has spent getting on for £450 million building up its chosen strengths in industrial services, construction, transport, publishing and (not yet quite logically) electronics and leisure.

The results have started to show in earnings per share, up almost a quarter at last month's count, although much of this was due to tax management. The puzzle is what happens when the sorting out is done? Conglomerates are going through a peculiar phase on stock markets, both here and in the United States. Some are derided, others lionised. Conglomerates such as Hanson Trust and Sir Owen Green's BTR, are eating other conglomerates and spitting out the bones. In Lord Hanson's case, dismemberment is the primary skill.

Two qualities separate the eaters from the eaten. Diversified groups which have bought into other industries, usually because of limited prospects on their own, rarely turn out to be worth as much as the sum of their parts. Industrial holding companies, for all the fine words about management, tend in maturity to deliver the average of the industries they serve. This is the Achilles' heel of groups such as Allied Lyons. Others struggle to reproduce the dynamism of their founders.

The successful are essentially financial operations that maintain their aggression, although they need basic good management in the background. Hanson has to mount ever greater takeover bids to sustain its momentum.

It remains to be seen how BET (or for that matter Grand Metropolitan) will develop. Are their leaders recreating them or just preparing a good meal for someone else? Either way, the combination of market pressure and management effort cannot be bad for shareholders.

Dumping the competition

In the tangled web of international trade agreements, where each rule is matched by a clutch of exceptions, the proof of the dumping is in the pricing. The problem is what to take as a fair starting price in the exporter's domestic market. For that determines whether, after allowing for export costs, a product is being sold too cheap in foreign markets.

Monday's decision by the European Commission to impose provisional duties of up to 15.8 per cent on Japanese photocopier imports again questions the justification for such measures. Dumping is unfair and breaks one of the basic ground rules for a global trading system. There is, however, a small step between punishing the dumper and penalising the successful foreign competitor. The prescriptions used to calculate the fair domestic price can virtually guarantee that the dumping case will be proven. Anti-dumping measures are the

respectable way to introduce selective import restraints, while preaching the gospel of free trade. And for the companies concerned. How much easier to point the finger at unfair practices rather than to admit an inability to cope with competition?

Japanese businessmen were quick yesterday to attack the new duty as part of a "get tough" approach to Japan over its trade surplus. Most European rivals do not manufacture the small and slower speed copiers in question. Those that do usually have ties with Japanese companies, they said. Not so, countered the market leader, Rank Xerox, which brought the case with four other community manufacturers. They argue that it is precisely because of dumping that more European manufacturers have been unable to become established in the burgeoning photocopier market. For the consumer, the upshot is that prices will rise.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Company	Change	Price
Anglia Secs (115p)	182-7	198
Ashley (135p)	198	200
B&S (200)	198	200
Beaverbrook (125p)	151-6	153
Bonhill (33p)	128	130
Chelston Man (125p)	96-8	98
Costa Electronics (84p)	124	126
Colina (110p)	117	119
Evans Halliwell (120p)	72-1	74
Flacker Denarys (70p)	210	212
GT Management (210p)	172-1	174
Guthrie Corp (150p)	164-1	166
Harrison (190p)		

RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price
Hills Brynnon (82p)	83
Hughes Food (200)	200
Lon utl lrv (330p)	433-2
M6 Cash & C (100p)	80
Marina Dev (110p)	95-3
Morgan Grenfell (500p)	450
Omnitech (33p)	37
Shield (72p)	185
TV-AM (130p)	159-1
Tandy Inds (112p)	147
Telecom (110p)	236
Tibbet & Britton (120p)	146-2
Travis Perkins (2016-39)	241-2
Unilever (85p)	86

APPOINTMENTS

Statik: Mr Rex Statik becomes president and Professor Roland Smith becomes chairman with effect from October 1.

Mitel Corporation: Mr Thomas Mayer is now executive vice-president and general manager of the PABX division.

H J Heinz Company: Mr Robert Miller becomes finance director.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling	90.30	90.30	90.30	90.30	300
Dec 86	90.72	90.73	90.71	90.73	1201
Mar 87	90.78	90.83	90.76	90.83	88
Jun 87	90.79	90.80	90.70	90.79	70
Sep 87	90.44	90.53	90.44	90.53	21
Dec 87	90.24	90.24	90.25	90.25	5

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Country	Rate
YORK 1.780-1.785	1.780-1.785
Australian dollar	2.438-2.439
Canada 1.212-1.215	1.212-1.215
Deutsche Mark	3.428-3.433
France 16.80-16.81	16.80-16.81
Italy 1.915-1.917	1.915-1.917
Japan 162.00-162.20	162.00-162.20
Swiss franc	2.025-2.027
West German DM	1.855-1.857
Spain 16.80-16.80	16.80-16.80
UK 1.0000	1.0000

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Company	Call	Put
Allied Lyons	27 37 48 18 17 20	33 35 36
BP	115 119 130 16 0 14	14 15 16
Cons Gold	47 65 75 13 25 42	42 43 44
Courtauld	15 25 34 11 18 20	20 21 22
Com Union	28 36 41 3 0 9	9 10 11
Cable & Wire	20 27 37 15 20 30	30 31 32
Distillers	175 175 175 1 1 1	1 1 1
SEC	14 22 25 1 8 22	22 23 24
Grand Met	85 85 85 1 1 1	1 1 1
ICI	125 125 130 5 7 27	27 28 29
Land Sec	29 38 47 10 15 17	17 18 19
Merrill & Spon	35 41 48 1 2 4	4 5 6
Shell Trans	150 160 172 1 5 10	10 11 12
Telegraph House	47 53 63 3 8 9	9 10 11

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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Allied Lyons	330	27 37 48 18 17 20	33 35 36
BP	550	115 119 130 16 0 14	14 15 16
Cons Gold	480	47 65 75 13 25 42	42 43 44
Courtauld	280	15 25 34 11 18 20	20 21 22
Com Union	280	28 36 41 3 0 9	9 10 11
Cable & Wire	350	20 27 37 15 20 30	30 31 32
Distillers	650	175 175 175 1 1 1	1 1 1
SEC	180	14 22 25 1 8 22	22 23 24
Grand Met	320	85 85 85 1 1 1	1 1 1
ICI	900	125 125 130 5 7 27	27 28 29
Land Sec	300	29 38 47 10 15 17	17 18 19
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Shell Trans	750	150 160 172 1 5 10	10 11 12
Telegraph House	280	47 53 63 3 8 9	9 10 11

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Instrument	Rate
3m Bank Bill	8.75%
6m Bank Bill	8.75%
12m Bank Bill	8.75%
3m Treasury Bill	8.75%
6m Treasury Bill	8.75%
12m Treasury Bill	8.75%
3m Eurodollar	8.75%
6m Eurodollar	8.75%
12m Eurodollar	8.75%
3m US Dollar	8.75%
6m US Dollar	8.75%
12m US Dollar	8.75%

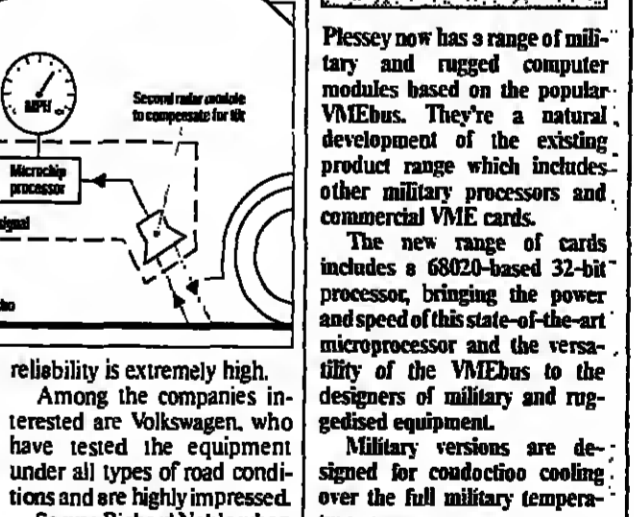
PLESSEY HOTLINE PLESSEY

Microwave accuracy with car Speedmeter

Using microwave technology developed for radar and guided missiles, Plessey is bringing new accuracy to the measuring of speed in car manufacturers' rigorous testing programmes.

Called the Plessey Speedmeter, the new device revolutionises car testing in many aspects, including fuel-per-mile measurements required by law in most countries.

A tiny doppler module under the vehicle sends out a signal that bounces off the road and returns. The different character of the outgoing and returning microwaves indicates speed with a precision hitherto unattainable.



Tests can be conducted without wheel slip or bounce causing false readings. Because there are no moving parts in Speedmeter, and no physical contact with the road surface, reliability is extremely high.

Among the companies interested are Volkswagen, who have tested the equipment under all types of road conditions and are highly impressed.

So was Richard Noble when his Thrust 2 broke the world land speed record for Britain in Nevada in 1983, with the Plessey Speedmeter aboard.

Plessey now has a range of military and rugged computer modules based on the popular VMEbus. They're a natural development of the existing product range which includes other military processors and commercial VME cards.

The new range of cards includes a 68020-based 32-bit processor, bringing the power and speed of this state-of-the-art microprocessor and the versatility of the VMEbus to the designers of military and ruggedised equipment.

Military versions are designed for conduction cooling over the full military temperature range.

Rugged versions are electrically identical but operate between -40°C and +85°C with forced air cooling.

MOBILE DATA IN NEW POLICE GRANADA

The new aerodynamic Ford Granada police concept car for the 1990s now being demonstrated to police forces throughout the country is equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal supplied by Plessey.

The law-enforcement version of the Granada has a wealth of high technology equipment on board, making it one of the most sophisticated police vehicles on the road. Its Plessey Mobile Data Terminal effectively provides a built-in computer terminal, consisting of a high-visibility display and keyboard for messages.

It operates over the police radio, which provides a high-speed data link to send and receive both alphanumeric and graphic information to and from police headquarters.

The equipment is currently in use with police forces in Sweden, Belgium, Hong Kong, the UK, USA and Canada.

WATCHMAN FOR CAA CROMER RADAR

The UK Civil Aviation Authority has chosen the Plessey Watchman primary radar for its medium range air traffic control requirements.

UK companies competed strongly for this system, which will be sited on the Norfolk coast close to Cromer.

It will provide low-level surveillance in the southern North Sea with the prime objective of monitoring helicopters flying to and from North Sea rigs.

The CAA's new radar station, known as Cromer Radar, will be unmanned and will feed radar data to a new air traffic control facility being set up at Stansted Airport.

Performance and reliability are of prime importance for the remote station. Watchman radar can meet this requirement with a single medium-power transmitter, based on a travelling wave tube.

Highly efficient anti-clutter performance, a particular feature of Watchman, is also vital, as Cromer Radar is subject to ground clutter and, at times, heavy sea returns.

Plessey was able to meet the extremely tight schedule set by the CAA, and will undertake the system integration and installation which will carry an on-mounted secondary surveillance radar antenna.

The Ministry of Defence has already chosen Watchman for use at Royal Air Force stations as well as at the important airfields at Boscombe Down, Farnborough, and Bedford.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities make steady progress

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON ZIMBABWE

Living on the edge in Africa's front line

Picture by Alexander Jo and Vido Koshan

Zimbabwe has come to the forefront of public attention in the last few months because of the leading role it has played in the campaign for sanctions against South Africa.

Robert Mugabe, the prime minister and the dominant figure in the country since its independence in 1980, was outspoken at the Commonwealth summit conference earlier this month in pressing the case for action of that sort.

It is a policy that comes naturally to Zimbabwe because of its proximity to South Africa and because of the similarities, limited but real, in the experience of the two countries. Formerly Rhodesia, Zimbabwe came to independence after a protracted and bitter struggle between the ruling white community and the African majority.

The present government in Harare believes a similar process is now under way south of the Limpopo and that it, and the rest of the international community, should do whatever is possible to accelerate the arrival of majority rule there.

The drawback is that the Zimbabwean economy is heavily dependent on South Africa, which is so much larger and more powerful, and is likely to be severely damaged by sanctions — not to mention retaliatory moves by Pretoria. Some 90 per cent of Zimbabwe's imports and exports go through South Africa, and it is hard to imagine how, even with outside help, considerable sacrifices can be avoided.

The government, nevertheless, appears determined to introduce sanctions and has begun to prepare public opinion for their impact. At the same time it is looking for other trade routes.

Zimbabwe has itself been remarkably successful in bridging the gulf between black and white and creating a society in which both have their place. When the new nationalist government, headed by Mr Mugabe, came to power in 1980 it took note of the importance of the whites in the economy of the country and, despite its Marxist rhetoric, decided to adopt a pragmatic, rather than a doctrinaire, approach to policy.

The whites were encouraged to stay and nearly half of them, about 100,000 out of 240,000, did. No land was expropriated, although some was bought at an economic price for distribution to African farmers. No business was nationalized, though the government has acquired a controlling interest in some.

The result was the forging of a consensus between blacks and whites in which the blacks hold political power, but white farmers, businessmen and others have considerable freedom to run their affairs as before. Needless to say, nei-

ther side is completely happy, some Africans believing that too many whites still hold key commercial and professional positions, and some whites chafing at too much government control or inefficiency.

But the Zimbabwean economy has retained the basic strengths that it had in the days of Rhodesia, based on a diverse mix of agriculture (where the whites make a major contribution), industry, mining and tourism. While much has been done to expand education, health and other services for the Africans, there has been a continuity in the country's economic life which has underlain the fundamental change in political control.

Harare, the former Salisbury, remains a well-ordered city with tall, modern office blocks owned by companies and banks with international connections. Significantly, two of its main streets, not far apart, are named respectively after Samora Machel, the revolutionary leader of Mozambique, and Cecil Rhodes, symbol of white imperialism (whose tomb, dramatically set on a hilltop south of Bulawayo, is still a tourist attraction).

Beyond its borders, the Zimbabwean government has set out to have correct relations with South Africa, distasteful though it obviously



Politics and the people: Robert Mugabe, the prime minister of Zimbabwe, and the smiling faces of township children of Harare



In 1963 the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) split and dissident members formed the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu). During the war with the white regime there were constant differences between the two parties, headed by Joshua Nkomo (Zapu) and Mr Mugabe (Zanu), and they are

lary Zapu supporters, in 1983 and 1984.

More generally, the Zanu-dominated government behaved as though it wanted to cow Zapu, or even eliminate it altogether. Some response to the activities of the dissidents was inevitable, but the state-of-emergency inherited from the pre-independence regime has been maintained and its special provisions used to arrest and detain whom the authorities choose.

Zapu leaders have been detained, kidnapped and tortured and during last year's election campaign young Zanu members attempted to intimidate Zapu by attacks on party offices, tolerated by the police.

Zimbabwe today retains a multi-party system — including the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe headed by Ian Smith. Its judiciary has proved its independence. But the media toe the government line, and with the main opposition party, under severe pressure, the government proclaims its intention of moving, ultimately to a one-party state.

In recent months tensions have subsided and the situation in Matabeleland has been calmer. There have been talks

on unity between Zanu and Zapu — whose differences are in any case more a matter of personalities than of policy — and there has been conciliatory talk on both sides. Mr Nkomo has abandoned his attacks on the government and Mr Mugabe has let it be known that a one-party state will not be imposed on the country, but will only come by consent.

The recent release of 10 detainees, including some prominent Zapu members, was an important step in the process of reconciliation. But it has still to be seen whether the two parties will ultimately be able to come to terms.

In this, as in other areas, much will depend on Mr Mugabe. He can legitimately take credit for the remarkable reconciliation with the whites, and for the way in which Zimbabwe has avoided many of the mistakes made in the past by other newly independent African states.

But his ministers are by no means all of the same calibre, and he has presided over a system which, at its worst, has been as repressive towards the Ndebele as the previous white regime was towards the Africans as a whole.

Peter Stafford

Public opinion is already primed for sanctions, considerable sacrifice and the possibility of South African retaliation

finds apartheid. Trade has been maintained at a high level. On the other hand, it has had to counter destabilization moves by Pretoria, both on its own territory and against the important route through Mozambique to the sea at Beira.

The Renamo rebels fighting the Machel government in Maputo (with assistance from South Africa) have been so successful that Zimbabwean troops have had to be deployed along the road, railway and pipeline to protect them.

The real blackspot in Zimbabwean affairs derives from the difficulty of reaching a stable accommodation between the Africans who now rule the country, and specifically between the two main tribes, the Shona, who are 80 per cent of the population, and the Ndebele, who are 20 per cent.

Tensions between the two go back to the days before the arrival of the whites in the last century, when the Ndebele, related to the Zulus, were encroaching on Shona territory. They surfaced again in differences between the leaders of the African nationalist movement in the years before independence.

now almost wholly tribally based, Zanu representing the Shona, and Zapu the Ndebele.

At independence the two parties combined to form a government, headed by Mr Mugabe. But dissatisfaction among the minority Ndebele soon began to make itself felt, and gangs of "dissidents" were formed in Matabeleland. In 1982 Mr Nkomo was dismissed from the government after the discovery of arms caches on a farm near Bulawayo.

The dissidents are a mixed lot. Some have claimed allegiance to Zapu, a source of embarrassment to the party leadership, which has disowned them. Some were at one point receiving help from South Africa. Others are simply malcontents and criminals.

They were responsible, however, for a wave of atrocities in Matabeleland, including the killing of white farmers; this, in turn, led to particularly brutal repression by government forces throughout the region. Most notorious was the Fifth Brigade, trained by North Koreans, which was responsible for widespread maltreatment and killing of civilians, particu-

Tough line on finance

The barons of the International Monetary Fund in Washington will have gasped at the end of July as they watched the telex copy coming out of Harare.

Dr Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwe's minister of finance, economic planning and development, had just presented his annual budget, announcing a record deficit of \$419 million, up 51 per cent on the previous year and amounting to 11.7 per cent of gross domestic product.

In 1984, the IMF suspended the fiscal tranche, worth 125 million special drawing rights, of a loan totalling 300 million sds, following Zimbabwe's disregard for IMF guidelines on budgetary restraint.

Any review of the loan's suspension is now seen as completely out of the question. Despite the IMF's negative appraisal, Zimbabwe's economy remains, at least resilient, supported by a vigorous agricultural, mining and industrial base.

In April this year, Dr Chidzero published the five-year national development plan, outlining the

government's targets for development and production in all fields.

The plan envisaged a growth rate over the period of five per cent, a slowdown in government spending, and an emphasis on the expansion of the productive sectors. It stated the government's readiness to work with foreign investors by offering increased opportunities for reward.

Foreign investors are encouraged

It was generally welcomed for its recognition of hard financial realities, in contrast to a highly ambitious transitional plan in 1981 which fell flat on its face.

In the last 20 months Zimbabwe's economy has clawed itself out of serious doldrums, caused by a combination of the global recession and a three-year drought.

Gross domestic product at the end of 1984 stood at \$2,318 million, and rose by six per cent last year, but is expected to drop to a three per cent

increase this year. Economists expect it to run along at this rate for the next five years, despite the plan's optimism.

In 1984, the balance of payments recorded its first surplus — \$66 million — since 1976, and a higher surplus is expected when last year's figures become available.

Inflation sank to an officially estimated 10 per cent last year, the lowest since independence, largely as a result of government brakes on private and public sector price increases. A rate of 15 per cent is expected in the coming year, but it is still considerably lower than in any other country in the region.

Straitened times are around the corner, however, with the most serious threat arising from a possible shutdown of Zimbabwe's trade routes through South Africa. Even the most sanguine of commentators predict severe dislocation.

But even without the threat of South African strangulation, economic indicators are cause for concern, at least in the short to medium-term.

The balance of payments — Continued on page 24.

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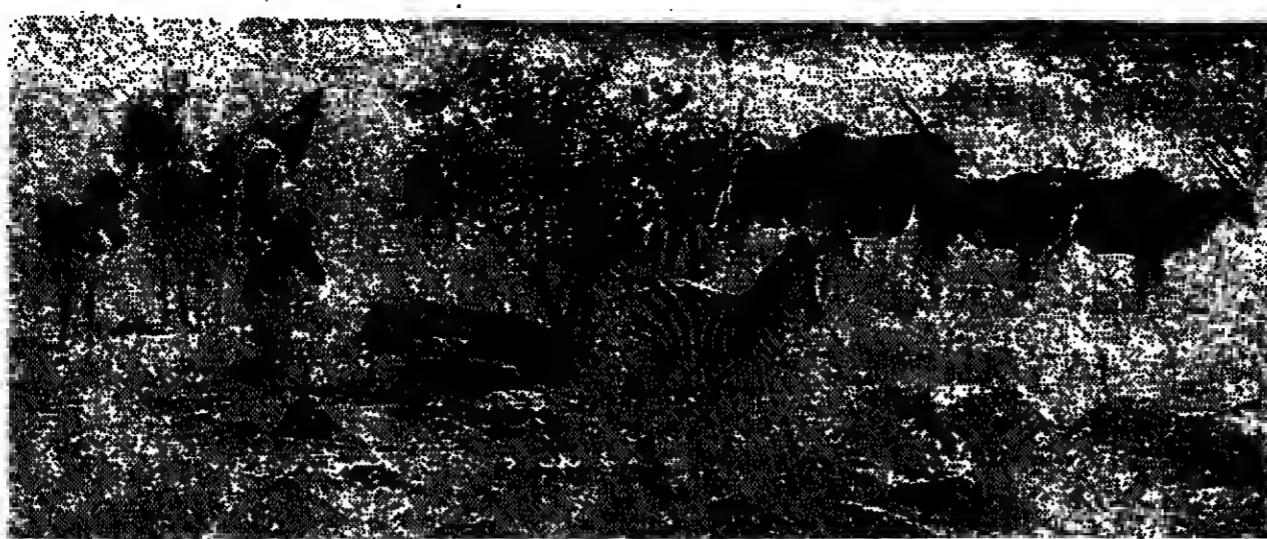
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The splendid thing about tourism in Zimbabwe is that the country has not been discovered by the mass holiday rat race. It is cheap and unspoilt.

The tourist business is anxious to avoid mass holiday packages and the ravages they impose on both the environment and on budgets. One hotelier at Victoria Falls, the best known of Zimbabwe's venues, says package-holiday tourists foul up the place, spend no money, and furtively pocket bacon and egg sandwiches at breakfast because lunch isn't paid for.

For the middle-income earner who wants a touch of adventure, Zimbabwe easily ranks as one of the most absorbing, comfortable, rip-off-free and varied visits in the world. It is unexploited because it has had guerrilla warfare of varying intensities for 12 years. Its attractions are unpublicised, it is far away, and costly to reach (about £20 from London).

But is it safe? Hostilities in the western provinces of Matabeleland have been driven into remote non-tourist areas in the last year, and conflicts are reported to be



Wildlife teems in the national parks, and right, the rail routes vital for Zimbabwe's trade

Savage, stark and enthralling

infrequent. Residents here would quail at the thought of attending an English football match but have no reservations about a camping weekend south of Bulawayo.

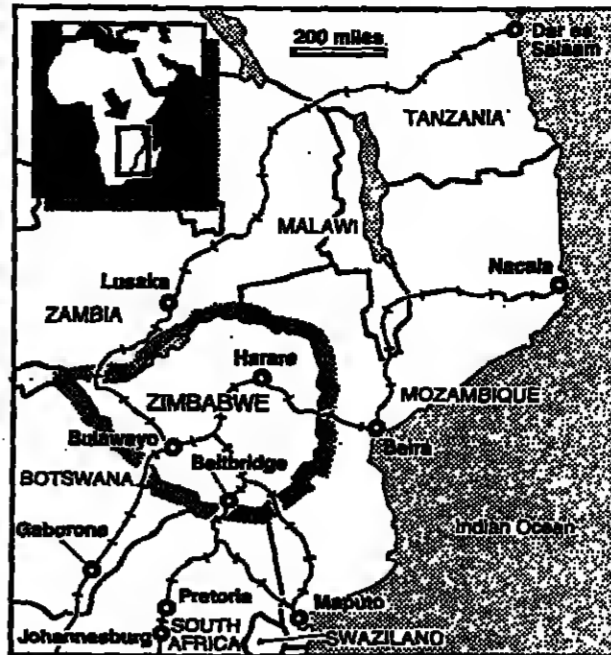
Zimbabwe's climate is gentle, sunny and almost devoid of extremes. The north, with the Zambezi river valley, provides, heading east, the Victoria Falls and a string of small

resorts on the river banks, and then Lake Kariba. Beyond, where the river becomes placid, there are more resorts, hotels and safari camps.

Along the way there is fishing, rafting, three-day canoe trips, white-water riding, hiking, mineral bathing, and game watching in conditions unmatched in Africa.

The east has a hump of mountains dotted with game parks, hotels, lodges and resorts alongside highland trout streams and lakes in either conifer or indigenous vegetation, often swathed in mist of a distinctly Scottish type.

The south west, around Bulawayo, has game parks, mountains, lakes and rivers. It was recommended by no less than Cecil Rhodes, who chose



homey olde-world or efficiently modern, complete with crockery, cutlery, bedding, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, two bedrooms, lounge and beaming attendant of Royal Navy fastidiousness.

In 1984 the government created the national tourist development corporation, but it has not yet been able to get to grips with the country's large potential.

Economists loosely rank tourism fifth after the other major productive sectors as a cash earner. Statistics are unreliable, as, for instance, no distinction is made between day-trippers from Zambia crossing to buy cooking oil and fully-fledged, spending tourists.

Promotion has been left in the hands of the major hotel corporations. They are having a marketing drive in Australia, where, said one executive, the people have the money and have done Europe and America and want something else.

Zimbabwe's hotels could do with such visitors. National bed occupancy in the first four months of this year climbed 7 per cent from the previous year to 37 per cent. A 55 per cent occupancy rate is needed for the hotels to break even.

Jan Raath

The debt industry owes to sanctions

Cabinet ministers here have long acknowledged their debt to the declaration of UDI in 1965 by the Rhodesian government of Ian Smith.

The sudden closure of international markets after the United Nations introduced mandatory economic sanctions against Rhodesia stimulated a frenetic drive for import substitution to limit reliance on foreign goods.

This created a vigorous manufacturing industry that now includes the only integrated iron and steel works in black Africa, a competitive textile industry that can clothe the whole country and exports prolifically, and assembly plants turning out heavy vehicles far more suited to the local terrain than imported European trucks and buses.

Zimbabwe's factories and plants, concentrated in the capital Harare, in Bulawayo in the west, Kwekwe in the midlands and Mutare on the eastern border, also turn out high-quality furniture, machinery, building materials, pharmaceuticals, wood and pulp, travel goods, footwear and printing.

The country's economy was first founded on mining, but the farms then became the biggest employers and created self-sufficiency in food.

The latest step has been the advance of the manufacturing industry into becoming the biggest contributor to gross national product (27 per cent), earning 55 per cent of export receipts.

It is calculated that manufacturing now saves the country £480 million each year in import substitution. Zimbabwe has gone beyond the "shallow" stage of producing consumer articles and has progressed to the design and production of equipment, intermediate goods, machine tools and processes.

In the 12 months to March

this year, manufacturing output grew by an impressive 8.8 per cent, with the textile industry running ahead of the rest with a 31.2 per cent increase in volume.

Foreign-currency shortage, a disability of the economy that has lasted for 20 years, is the most serious hindrance to manufacturing, which absorbs 44 per cent of all imports.

Economists argue that the severely outmoded and dilapidated equipment in most plants rules out a policy of capital spending on new ventures. Instead, the drive for bigger exports would far better be served by replacement of existing machinery, they say.

The publication of the five-year development plan pro-

Textile industry is growing fastest

vided some encouragement with its statement that government would implement economic measures in "tax policy, incomes and wages policies, prices, interest rates, customs duties and import allocations which are needed to stimulate investment".

Dr Chidzero, the Minister of Finance, indicated that an announcement would be made in his budget statement on July 31. Regrettably, he made none. Keen interest now centres on the plan's projection of attracting £80 million in foreign investment.

According to leading business sources here, it relates to the sorely felt absence in Zimbabwe of an inorganic chemicals industry.

The sources say that a large plant, possibly costing £200 million, is in the offing, with the name of the international financing corporation being suggested as a partner with the local state.

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Mining millions

For a sector that is largely controlled by foreign companies, Zimbabwe's mining industry enjoys a remarkably cosy relationship with the government.

The companies dominating the scene - Rio Tinto (gold, nickel), Lonrho (gold), Union Carbide (chrome), Anglo-American (nickel, coal) and Turner and Newall (asbestos) - have all received their share of accusations of raping and looting the resources of the Third World.

But after six years in independent Zimbabwe, the five still provide mining operations that bring in 35 per cent of the country's export earnings.

Mining captains declare their respect for the moister of mines, Richard Hove, their enthusiasm for the state-owned Minerals Marketing Corporation (MMC) which handles the selling of all ores, and a peaceable relationship with the Mining Development Corporation - the government's first entry into active mining, which made a £50,000 profit last year.

The formation of the MMC in 1983 created fear for the future of the industry as Robert Magabe, the prime minister, spoke of the body as: "Putting the resources of the nation into the hands of the people."

But since then the corporation has taken no more than 0.0875 per cent of the sale of minerals it negotiates on behalf of the companies and has effectively reduced worrisome stockpiles.

Zimbabwe ranks fourth in the world as a chrome ore producer (526,000 tons in 1983). But the value of its exports of beneficiated low-carbon ferrochrome (21 per cent of estimated world deposits) has dropped.

The asbestos mines at Shangani and Masababa in the west of the country fall far behind the production of the Soviet Union and Canada.

But Zimbabwe produces white, long-fibre chrysotile asbestos, unlike the hazardous short-fibre, blue asbestos of its competitors.

In this respect, it is the world's largest exporter (174,000 tons in 1985) and is working hard against publicity that condemns all asbestos.

Though the country is a minnow in world gold production (472,000 fine ounces in 1985), the metal is the second biggest single-commodity foreign-currency earner after tobacco.

Evidence of government support for the industry came in 1984 when the gold price slumped and dozens of the smaller companies were on the brink of closure.

The government stepped in with a gold price stabilization scheme, in which any losses from gold sales below £200 for a fine ounce were made up to that level from treasury funds, to be repaid later.

The industry is in a mixed state. The number of exclusive prospecting orders granted has fallen from 53 in 1981 to six last year.

But Derek Bain, chief executive of the Chamber of Mines of Zimbabwe, reports a "lot of groundswell", largely as a reaction to aerial and electromagnetic surveys.

The mines remain as hamstrung as other sectors by foreign currency scarcity.

"Heath Robinson and cannibalisation play a major part," said Mr Bain. "The government goes out of its way to assist in the case of an imminent breakdown and usually finds the money. But still production is reduced."

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The menace of drought and starvation in Africa shows little sign of relenting. But Zimbabwe has too much food. The success of the small nation's farmers has become one of the best-known aspects of its history since independence in 1980. Production of maize has more than doubled, with 1.7 million tonnes expected to be delivered this year to the grain marketing board, the sole legal buyer of farmers' produce.

By April, the biggest-ever maize stockpile of about two million tonnes will be in silos and stacked high in lots around the countryside.

Since independence, high-quality white Zimbabwean maize has fed the starving of Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, Zaire, Zambia, Botswana, Tanzania, Somalia and this year, ironically, South Africa. But the stockpile has reached unmanageable proportions.

Loans to finance crop purchases from farmers by the Agricultural Marketing Authority are now tying up £140 million of bank credit. Another £18 million in interest charges is straining the finances of the grain board.

With a national budget deficit of £420 million taking an extravagant bite out of local bank liquidity, it is hard to see how farmers, ranging from the owners of the vast



A land of plenty: The fruit and vegetable market in Harare irrigated estates of the commercial sector to the peasants with their tiny, dusty smallholdings, will be able to raise the necessary short-term finance for the coming season.

Economists predict slow future growth. The tobacco industry hopes that by the end of the year it will have harvested and cured 120,000 tonnes, and sold it on the new £4 million auction floor in Harare, which, covering 20 acres, is the largest in the world.

Last year tobacco growers, with not a cent of government assistance, earned £140 million, making them the biggest

single contributor to the foreign reserves.

As the same time, cotton farming has undergone a "white revolution" because the crop is suited to low rainfall and to the marginal soil areas that cover nearly 65 per cent of the country.

Cotton production has swelled by 40 per cent (250,000 tonnes last year) since independence, and is expected to contribute nearly £50 million in export earnings.

Zimbabwe's tea, coffee, sugar, timber and horticultural producers are small but efficient. But they have

had zero-growth world markets to contend with and, in July last year, wages were statutorily raised by more than 100 per cent, placing their combined export earnings of nearly £50 million and 20 000 jobs in jeopardy.

On the exports front, the beef industry is one of the few capable of dramatic expansion, as a result of the entry last year of Zimbabwe's high-quality beef on to the European Community market, with an initial quota of £20 million.

But successive droughts and low returns for cattle farmers have caused the size of the national herd on commercial farms to drop from a high of 2.7 million head in 1978 to 1.9 million in 1984. Only about a quarter of the quota tonnage was actually met.

The government has been able to move only marginally to resolve one of the country's most marked features, the disparity of land ownership between the country's peasants, overcrowded on subjectively underdeveloped land, and the wealthy commercial farmers, numbering about 3,500.

At independence, the government announced its intention to resettle 162,000 peasant families on land bought from white farmers in five years. But six years later, only 35,000 families have been granted 5.4 million acres of former white-owned land.

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largely positive because of savage import cuts - is expected to reverse its trend between now and 1988.

Between now and then, Zimbabwe will be reaching a peak in the repayment of short-term loans incurred in the easy early years of independence.

The worst restraint on development is the shortage of foreign exchange. By far the largest slice of foreign exchange outflows consists of debt repayments. Foreign debt at the end of 1985 stood at £731 million, and repayments over the next year are expected to rise by 157 per cent. The situation is worsened by the steady decline of the value of the Zimbabwe dollar by 50 per cent in the last three years.

Ironically, the declining

Hard budget plan

Zimbabwe dollar has been a boon to exporters, and provided them with a competitive price edge. But conversely, import costs have soared.

Exports, with the mining sector the most prolific provider, have nearly doubled since 1980, when earnings were about £370 million.

In real terms, on the other hand, export values stand much where they were at independence, and are lower in some commodities.

Sluggish international commodity prices will not allow a growth of more than five per cent a year in exports, according to predictions here.

The resultant restraints on

Bartering, with Third World and eastern bloc countries is projected to grow to the point where it accounts for 10 per cent of trade. But there is considerable dissatisfaction with the system, and economists estimate that the

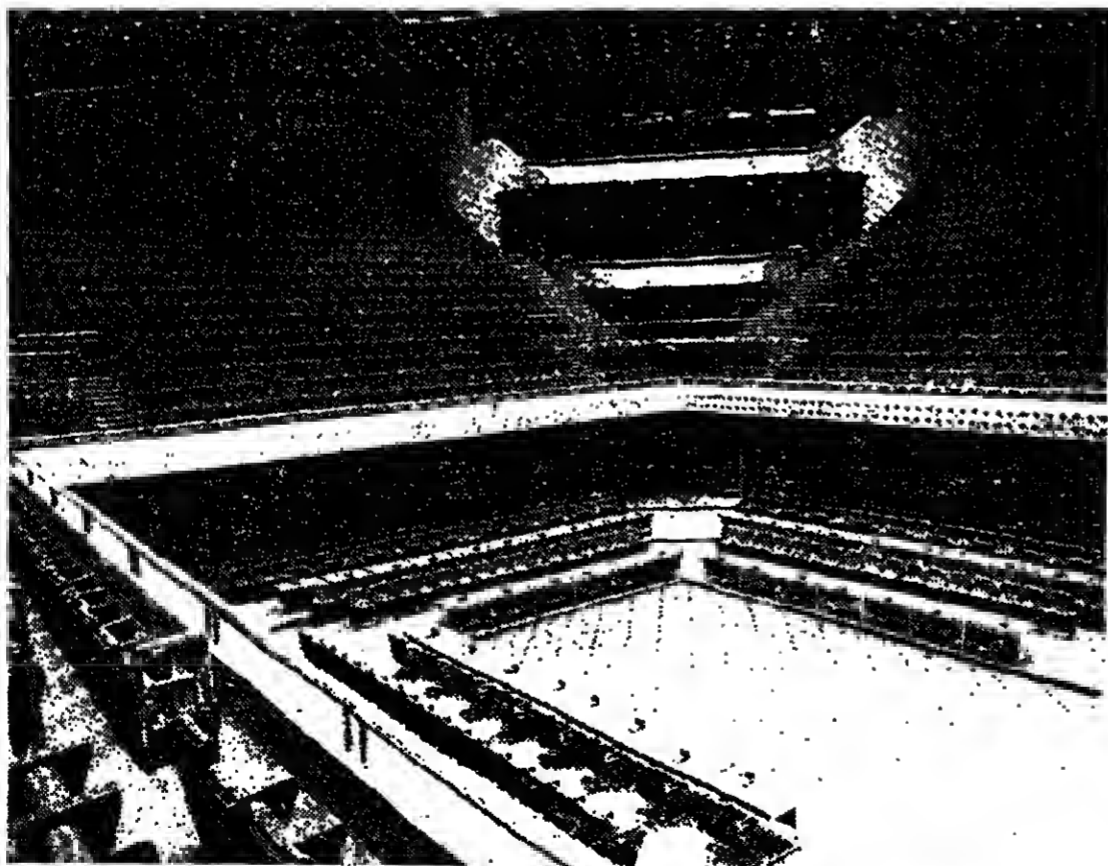
possibility of the goods exchanged can serve as a 40 per cent surcharge.

Unemployment is increasingly seen as the economy's "time bomb". Mr Zdenick Silavecky, the group economist for the Standard, Chartered Bank of Zimbabwe, has estimated that by 1990 one million of Zimbabwe's projected population of 10 million will be either out of work or under-employed, representing about 30 per cent of the total labour force.

Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US president,

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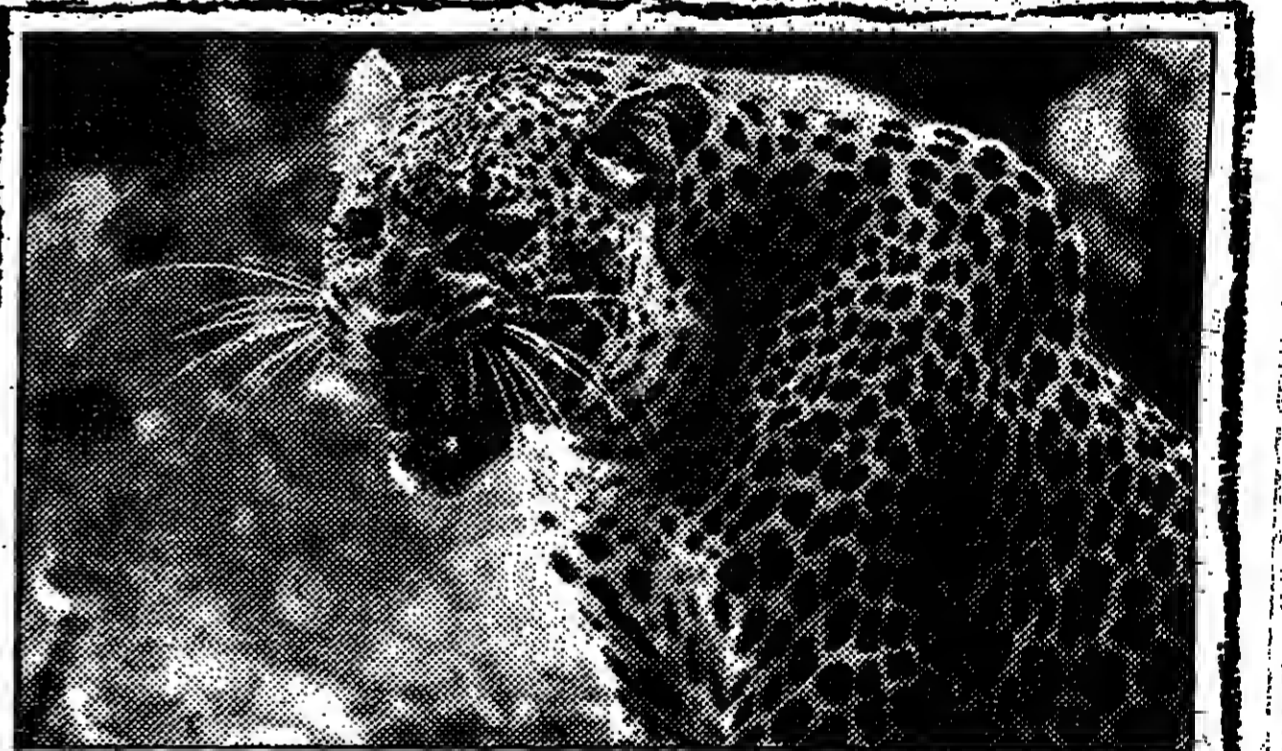


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Gran Alacant, an already-established scheme of 353 apartments on the Costa Blanca

So many leisure-home complexes are being built in Spain that it makes sense for a buyer to consider a scheme which is already established, although not complete. Developments which already have tennis courts, swimming pools, a few shops and bars are more likely to continue to thrive as more units are added.

And, once a residential community is established, it must form a residents association. Known as 'comunidad de propietarios', an official administrator has to be appointed, regular meetings held and a budget presented. Foreign owners who cannot attend are allocated a proxy vote. Proximity to an airport is also valuable. Two contrasting schemes, Gran Alacant on the Costa Blanca and El Puerto de Sotogrande at the western end of the Costa del Sol, owe much of their appeal to the above points. Gran Alacant is a big apartment complex of 353 one, two, three and four bedroom units, built in two V-shaped blocks on a cliff top six kilometres south of Alicante airport.

It has bars, a restaurant, supermarket and even a bakery. All the apartments have uninterrupted views of the Mediterranean and overlook the two swimming-pool areas set in mature gardens, which form the heart of the V's. The whole Gran Alacant estate, totalling 2,000 acres, is owned by Banco Exterior de España, which has seven UK branches. The London head office is at 60 London Wall, London EC2. Banco Exterior bought Gran Alacant in July 1983 after the development company collapsed.

The infrastructure and most of the apartments were already completed, so the bank's commitment has been to finish the interiors, complete the leisure facilities and market the scheme. Purchase prices are among the lowest for a holiday development along any of the Spanish costas. With a one-bedroom flat costing £13,093, comparisons are bound to be made with high-season timeshare purchasing. Services charges at Gran Alacant are low at £220 to £300 a year.

All the homes have an open-plan kitchen fitted with cooker - a fridge, dishwasher and washing machine are optional extras. The bedrooms have fitted wardrobes. A terrace leads directly from the living area and some flats have a small additional balcony off the kitchen. The four-bedroom units are slightly different in design, having a second bathroom, two terraces and a larger living room.

Prices range from £13,093 for one bedroom, £15,488 for two bedrooms, £18,209 for three bedrooms and between £28,721 and £32,209 for the four-bedroom units. About 120 apartments are for sale and ready for immediate occupation. The agents, Azure Developments, can arrange a full furnishing package from £1,500 upwards.

Further details are available from Patrick Whitaker, Azure Developments Ltd, 26 Church Road W6, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6QG (0252 543177).

The 4,000-acre Sotogrande estate has been established for more than 20 years and Puerto Sotogrande, the beachside 400-unit apartment complex within the estate, for the past eight. Facilities include a beach club, sailing, windsurfing, golf and a variety of shops.

Fernando Montojo, Puerto Sotogrande's managing director, has had plans to build a marina for years. When the border restrictions between Spain and Gibraltar were lifted, in February 1985, property prices almost doubled at Sotogrande because of the proximity of Gibraltar airport - 20 minutes away - and investment money began to pour into the marina project.

Mr Montojo now has all the finance for his ambitious marina scheme. To be known as El Puerto de Sotogrande, work on the first phase of 750 apartments, some commercial units and 560 berths is well under way. Occupation is scheduled for next July.

The two low-rise apartment blocks face over the El Puerto de Sotogrande marina to the sea beyond. Prices for the two and three bedroom apartments range from £55,000 to £110,000. The berths, of which 40 per cent are sold, range from £6,000 to £180,000 for one capable of mooring a Dynasty-style yacht. The style and layout of the new marina has been strongly influenced by the 19th-century Mediterranean town-house style, blending with a Venetian theme with soft red-tiled roofs, long, narrow windows and 'differing' pastel coloured facades, all of which is in total contrast to the modern starkness of Fernando Montojo's original beach apartments which adjoin the marina.

El Puerto de Sotogrande can be contacted at 27 Hill Street, London W1X 8AS (01-493 1333) or through the main agents, Overseas Residential Properties (0204-29769); Fincasol Ltd (0272-26444); and Chestertons (01-937 7422).

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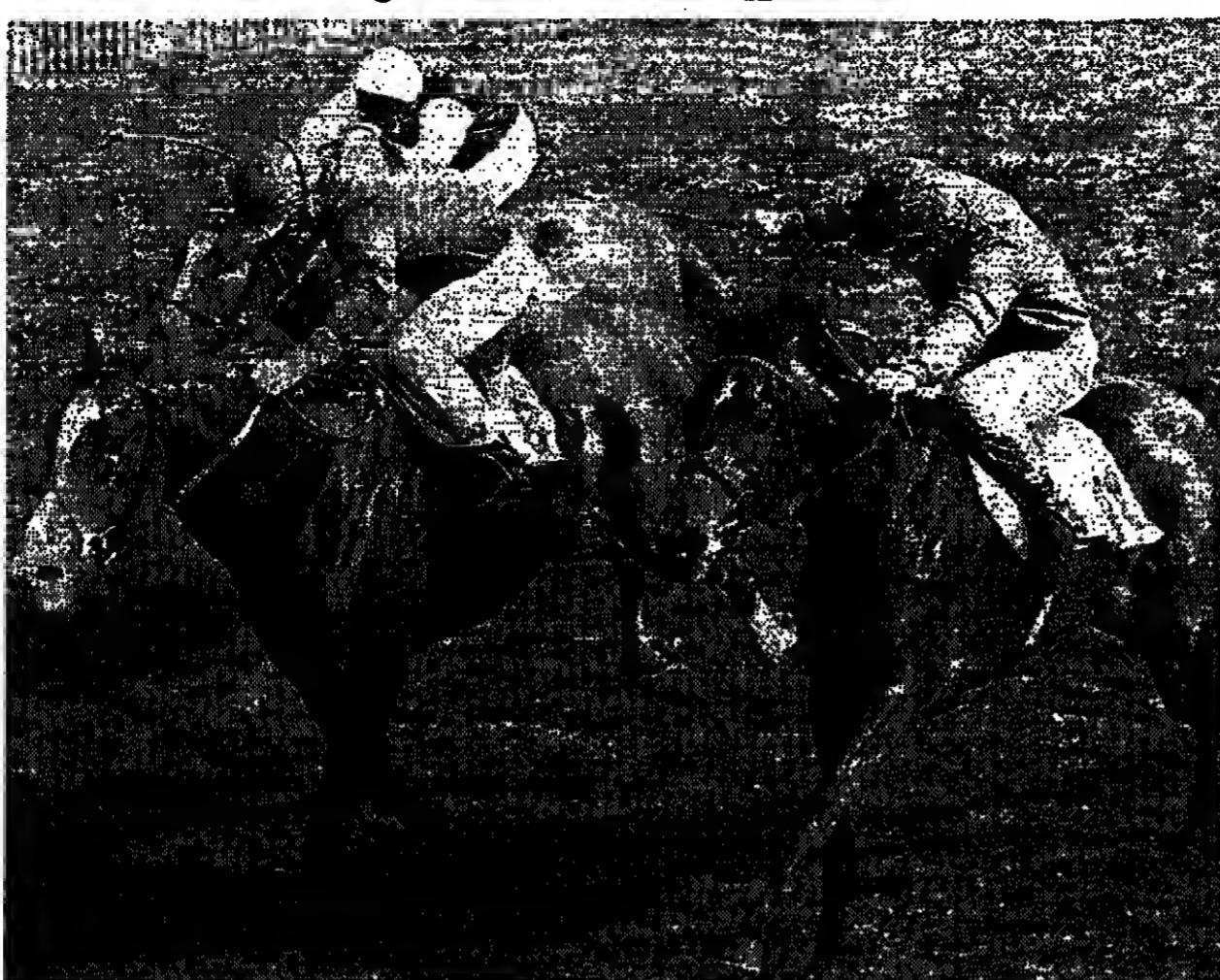
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RACING: CHAMPION TRAINER CAN COLLECT YARMOUTH'S TWO JUVENILE PRIZES FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING

Cecil team ready for a repeat double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Twelve months ago, Henry Cecil and Steve Caubien made one of their numerous successful raids on Yarmouth where they won the Fee Farm Maiden Stakes with Bonhomie and Native Oak, respectively.



Sharpetto (left), seen here edging out Esfahan at York, contests the Castlemaine Handicap at Yarmouth today

Today they are all set to return to the Norfolk seaside course, hopeful they can collect the same two races, this time with Russian Steppe (2.15) and At Risk (4.15).

Although neither have run before, both are reported to be primed for the occasion and no one is better versed in the art of scoring with a two-year-old first time out than the immensely successive master of Warren Place.

George Robinson, our experienced Newmarket correspondent who daily watches the gallops on the Heath, reported that the Nijinsky colt Russian Steppe, who cost his owner, Sheikh Mohammed, \$275,000 as a yearling, is fully capable of winning first time on a racetrack.

But he warns that At Risk, a grey daughter of Mr Prospector, who is also the sire of Jeremy Tree's crack two-year-old colt Bellotto, will need to be as sharp as the looks if she is to beat Lucayan Knight, who is a son of another successful stallion Dominion.

Today's nap, though, is Jekist to record his third success in a row in the sponsored Castlemaine XXXX Handicap.

Last time out Richard Shaw's three-year-old, who won on soft ground as a two-year-old when training Col Williams, confirmed that he was most certainly on the upgrade by winning the Nottingham Stewards' Cup in the experienced hands of Robert Street.

The first hint that Jekist was on the way up the ladder came when he ran Young Jason to a length at Chesham towards the end of June. And with Young Jason so nearly winning the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood four weeks later that was a pretty decent performance in hindsight.

The improvement that Jekist showed at Chesham was consolidated when he landed his next race at Windsor pretty comfortably. Now he meets all his rivals on 3lb better terms than he will in future handicaps, even though his weight this afternoon includes the 6lb penalty as a

result of that Nottingham victory.

No wonder his trainer, who only began this season after learning his trade with Michael Scoute, is striking again while the iron is still hot.

Beaten a neck by Sailor's Song at Woodfield last week, Bertie Wooster, Lester Piggott's runner, still has a bit of his depth in the Melrose Handicap at York last week.

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Thursday at the rewarding odds of 14-1.

No one will be keener to win the Charles Eley Memorial Challenge Trophy than the late and great trainer's son Bill, who continues to rule the roost at Highfield, the family home in Malton.

And what is more he has good chance of doing so with West Glorious, who was a bit out of his depth in the Melrose Handicap at York last week.

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British trio face tough Deauville challenge

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Northern Aspen (Alain Lequeux), Shamareekh (Paul Eddy) and Alex Nureye (John Reid) carry British hopes in the group three £20,064 Prix Ombrye over the straight mile at Deauville today.

However, the British raiders are going to have a tough time holding Lypharita (Cash Assmusen) and Vin de France (Eric Legrain), who finished a close-up fifth and sixth, respectively, behind Lirum in the Prix Jacques Le Marois over the same trip ten days ago.

Lypharita, particularly, will come in for strong local support, and looks the likely favourite, but the hazard is that she will be well off her stride at a mile.

Northern Aspen has not raced since April when she finished behind Bolina Knight and Shamareekh, but she is a course and distance winner and Olivier Douch, her Newmarket-based trainer, is an expert at having his horses spot on for the big occasions.

Today's course specialists

YARMOUTH TRAINERS: H Cecil, 64 winners from 155 runners, 38.8%; B Piggott, 36 from 208, 20.1%; S Caubien, 22 from 114, 19.3%; Jockey: S Caubien, 23 winners from 118 runs, 26.4%; H Cecil, 13 from 79, 16.5%; M Hales, 12 from 85, 13.9%.

NEWTON ABBOT TRAINERS: J Jenkins, 31 winners from 136 runners, 22.8%; M Piggott, 36 from 208, 20.1%; S Caubien, 22 from 114, 19.3%; Jockey: R Dennis, 11 winners from 61 runs, 18.0%.

BEVERLEY TRAINERS: H Cecil, 64 winners from 24 runners, 82.5%; P Cole, 7 from 16, 43.8%; M Stoute, 10 from 59, 32.2%; Jockey: H Cecil, 37 winners from 131, 28.2%; R Dennis, 13 from 79, 16.5%; N Conneron, 13 from 133, 9.8%.

3.15 CHARLES ELEY HANDICAP (£2,007; 1m 4f) 1-380 AUCHINLEA (C) (B) (Jenny Fitzgerald) 4-9-1

3.45 INDIAN COOPER SALES CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O; £1,276; 1m 2f) 1-3000 ANIEL TARGET (H) (Keech G Wragg) 9-0

4.15 EBF PEREBROWN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,711; 6f) 1-2003 BONNY LIGHT (Dr K Omasu-Nyankiri) R Shearer 7-12

4.45 EAST COAST HANDICAP (£1,766; 1m 6f) 1-3000 ALL IS REVEALED (C) (D) (Mrs) Norman D O'Brien 10-10

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Psalmody fulfils trainer's ambition

William Hastings-Bass, the Newmarket trainer, was in a triumphant mood after greeting Psalmody's victory in the Rubbing House Stakes at Epsom yesterday.

With rain dripping down his face, Hastings-Bass said: "That's fulfilled an ambition I've been trying for years to have a winner at Epsom, and it's nice to do it with a horse owned by Lord Derby. I have now won at every flat racecourse in Britain, including two that have closed, Lanark and Teasdale Park."

"Psalmody was second at Wolverhampton earlier this week, and I thought I'd have a go at Epsom, and I'm pleased to see her running him in a nursery. He's one of three horses I train for Lord Derby," the trainer said.

Tony Murray improved the colt, a 4-1 chance, to take the lead just inside the final furlong and win by a comfortable two lengths from Tuffy Lady, with the favourite, Mon Coeur, another two lengths away.

The Newmarket apprentice Roy Carter, aged 22, rode his 24th flat winner on the 15-2 favourite, Tuffy Lady, and now joins Philip Mitchell to start a new career over jumps.

Denboy, who led just inside the final furlong, had a neck to spare over Ben Adams, who finished a close-up second, the most experienced hand in the Steve Donoghue Apprentice Handicap, Chris Rutter.

Denboy was the first winner for Barry Stevens since he became his 36-strong team from Bramley to Winchester five weeks ago.

Barry was represented by his wife, Madeleine, who said, "The horses have settled down well, and we've had a few seconds to get the move, but it's a relief to get this winner. Denboy has been off for two months because he spread a plate at Warwick and trod on it, pricking his foot. We were not sure how he would go on."

Mitchell said: "Young Roy has weight problems. He's not 7ft. He can't do less than 8st 7lb, but he'll be very effective over hurdles, and is a very good horse. I don't know how long he'll last over fences, and it may take him a year to settle into the winter game."

The West Country rider Tez Shikari ended a frustrating run of five seconds when landing the Ladas Maiden Stakes by two lengths.

This long-awaited victory was due in no small measure to the withdrawal of the two best fancied horses in the race, Gilberto and Great Act.

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Beware the bit players in this bizarre theatre

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Hana Mandlikova and Martina Navratilova, who contested last year's singles finals, were all summoned to active service on the first day of the United States championships at Flushing Meadows yesterday. Those with short memories may need reminding that the 1985 losers were McEnroe and Navratilova.

This time McEnroe does not even look a good bet to reach the final. A crum who lives in Manhattan says he is "sick and tired" of reading about McEnroe. The publicity has indeed been overdone. But when a once-great champion returns to competition after a break of more than six months, his McEnroe did three weeks ago, his news value is obvious.

During the lay-off McEnroe became a father and a husband and presumably rearranged his priorities. He also took off more than a stone, which was probably slightly more than he could afford.

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FOOTBALL: SOUNESS AND DALGLISH RETURN TO THE FOLD AS A NEW ERA DAWNS FOR SCOTLAND

Roxburgh the brave begins in style

By Hugh Taylor
Scotland's hopes of correcting an appalling record in the European championships have brightened, thanks to the ability of Andy Roxburgh to persuade the country's two most influential players to resume their international careers...



Master craftsmen: Souness (left) and Dalglish are the old hands to whom Scotland are looking for a brighter future

The names of Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness headed the list of priorities in a bulky notebook as the new man in command set out this week on the first stage of a back-breaking assignment which has defeated even the greatest talents of Stein, Ormond and Ferguson...

It is obvious that Roxburgh, who is regarded in the highest esteem throughout the world as a director of coaching, believes that the laying down of a style takes precedence and he believes that it will have to be modern and elegant, based on the French fashion so loved by Scottish enthusiasts...

He appears to have succeeded in enticing both Dalglish and Souness, who had earlier indicated that their new club commitments might mean the end of international appearances, to return to the fold. While Souness may not be available for the Bulgarian match, it seems certain that Dalglish will earn his 101st cap on September 10.

However, it is the legions desperate to see Scotland make a winning start in a competition in which they have never qualified for the finals, the most important aspect of the squad is whether Maurice Johnston will be named.

Again, the flamboyant Celtic forward has become something of a folk hero to admirers who love to recall that some of the best Scottish internationals were rumbustious playboys. Johnston was not included in Scotland's World Cup squad in Mexico because of alleged incidents off the field, but he has become the most exciting forward in the country...

There are a few pragmatic supporters who continue to be pessimistic that the long-lasting problem of impenetrable finishing will ever be solved. They recall with dismay the disappointment caused by the failure of what was regarded as a most brilliant array of forward power any British country could have assembled...

Perhaps Roxburgh's new pattern, with the inclusion of the talented Hansen, of Liverpool, to add sophistication and flexibility to a rearguard whose main function would be to attack from behind, will give forwards a better chance of breaking the spell which seems to be cast on them at international level.

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It frustrated the Tottenham faithful but Plect is confident that the future remains undimmed. "It was disappointing because we could have won convincingly," he said. "We had the chance to score a second half but failed to kill them off. We kept our pattern throughout and defensively we were not really troubled all afternoon and that's pleasing."

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CYCLING Americans ready to get on their bikes

From John Wilcockson Colorado Springs
For only the third time this century the world cycling championships are taking place in North America. Newark, New Jersey, in 1912 and Montreal, Canada, in 1974 were the previous locations but neither of those promotions was compared with the splendour and precision of the championships that open today in this sprawling, modern city at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

Because of its 6,210ft elevation, the open-air, 333-metre concrete velodrome, where 12 of the 16 championships will be held, is one of the fastest in the world. Corporate sponsorship is an essential part of organizing sport in the modern United States. The Southland Corporation, of Dallas, Texas, donated the \$2 million (about £1,350,000) velodrome to the United States Cycling Federation and they have pumped a further \$3 million into these championships.

It is a far cry from 1912 when the promoters relied on the entrance money of the crowds to finance the championships. There were few European competitors 74 years ago because of the difficulties of trans-Atlantic travel.

Despite this influx of time and money, the six men's amateur track titles should be shared among the Soviet Union, East Germany and the United States squads, with Italy the most likely challenger.

Britain has their only medal hopes in two of the four professional events. Tony Doyle, from Surrey, has already shown in the Kellogg's city centre championships that he has the speed to improve on his 5,000m pursuit silver medal performances of 1984 and 1985.

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SPEEDWAY Nielsen bars way for Gundersen to complete hat-trick

By Keith Macklin
The world individual title could be decided as early as the second heat of the 100,000 expected to top 100,000 in Katowice, Poland, on Saturday. If this sounds a pessimistic forecast of a resounding anticlimax, then look at the evidence.

Most rational people accept that the title will again be fought out between Erik Gundersen, the holder for the past two years, and Hans Nielsen, his great Danish rival. The insensitive quirks of the draw have insured that the Danish champion meets his greatest challenger in heat two, and the winner could well be motivated to go out for final victory.

Of course, there could be mechanical failures, or Gundersen may prove to be riding at less than his irresistible daredevil best after his below-par performance in the National third match of the World Team Cup. But Gundersen in that match was a sleeping tiger, content to let his colleagues do the work. The challenge of making it three championships in a row will ensure that he is in a mean mood on Saturday.

In addition to Nielsen there is another great name anxious to stop the Gundersen bandwagon. He is Ivan Mauger, the New Zealand champion who first won three world titles in a row. Mauger does not want his feat to be equalled by the Danish upstart, and Nielsen has been seeking the New Zealander's advice and help. To counter this Ole Olsen, another former world champion, will be in Gundersen's corner.

All this makes it seem that the rest of the riders from England, Westmark, the United States, West Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Poland are just going along to Katowice for the ride and to fill in the heats. Well, perhaps they are.

England's representatives are Neil Evans, Chris Morton, Kevin Tatum and Marvyn Cox, and the best they can expect is a strong showing somewhere behind the top two.

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Rush charge looms after 'sending off'

Ian Rush looks certain to face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after his Anfield outburst. The Liverpool forward was 'sent off' after the goalless Blackpool home draw against Manchester City and Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's player-manager, confirmed: "I understand Rush will be reported to the Football Association for using foul and abusive language."

Had Rush committed his indiscretion during the game he would now face an automatic two-match ban, but as it came after the final whistle the punishment could be more severe.

Terry Butcher, now with Glasgow Rangers, was recently fined £1,000 following an incident with the referee after last season's Ipswich game at West Ham.

"Rush's case will be dealt with accordingly once we have received the referee's report," an FA spokesman said yesterday. "There is no automatic punishment and we will write to him asking for his comments."

The referee, Ken Walmsey, acted as Rush and the Liverpool side were leaving the pitch following their 0-0 draw against Manchester City. "I sent him off for a comment he made to me," Walmsey said later.

Liverpool's Merseyside rivals, Everton, also drew a 0-0 at Hillsborough, where David Hirst, Sheffield Wednesday's teenage substitute, took just 60 seconds to make his mark in the 3-2 thriller.

Hirst, who cost £200,000 from Barnsley, was upstaged by West Ham's Frank McAvennie as the East Enders set an early title pace. McAvennie stunned Old Trafford with a 36 seconds strike and finished up with two in Hammers' 3-2 triumph over Manchester United. "That's the quickest goal I've ever seen," McAvennie said.

White West Ham sit pretty with six points out of six. United are still searching for their first point of the campaign. It is a stark contrast to last season when they started with 10 straight wins.

We were a bit naive at the back, something you can't afford against people like McAvennie," Ron Atkinson, a disappointed manager, said. "Chelsea's second draw against sides destined for the lower half of the First Division hardly supported their tag of possible title chasers."

Lee's fond farewell to Anfield

Sammy Lee ended his 10-year career with Liverpool when he joined Queen's Park Rangers for £200,000 yesterday after undergoing a medical at Loftus Road. Lee, a stocky midfielder, wore 14 caps for England during a glittering career at Anfield that has seen him win most major honours, but he has been unable to command a regular first team place over the last two years and decided to move. He will add vital experience and a competitive edge to the side Jim Smith is rebuilding in West London.

Lee has introduced a membership-only plan and a blanket ban on visiting fans to prevent trouble. In an attempt to halt trouble-makers within the ground and attract more local families to football, Loton have taken the unprecedented step of restricting admission at all League games to holders of membership cards.

Loton card holders will be able to bring three guests with them, but membership will be withdrawn if they cause trouble. No tickets will be sold on the day of the match.

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Spurs told 'we can win league glory'

David Plect's belief that Tottenham Hotspur can mount a genuine championship challenge has sparked Clive Allen's early season goal rush. On the eve of the season, the new manager urged his players to aim high. "With our squad we have a genuine chance of the title," Plect told them.

Allen, whose last two seasons have been seriously disrupted by injury, took up the rally cry in dramatic fashion on Monday, by scoring against Newcastle United to follow his hat-trick to Saturday's dazzling 3-0 win at Aston Villa.

"This is the best squad since I have been at White Hart Lane," said the 35-year-old forward. "When you look around here at all the faces, it's easy to share the manager's thoughts that we should be aiming for the title. That alone gives you confidence and certainly things could not have gone better for me so far."

Allen, who has been very impressed with him, said: "After Allen had hounded the Tottenham defence, Waddle's curling cross in first half injury time, Tottenham should have gone on to claim maximum points from their first two games. It did not happen because they squandered chances and Martin Buchan, Newcastle goalkeeper, was in inspired form. Then, three minutes from time Peter Beardsley prodded home the equalizer."

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European geography puts King in corner

Los Angeles (Reuters) - Don King, the promoter, was in full flow. "I present to you a man from The Netherlands... from Norway," he declared. "He is a man who will emulate Ingemar Johansson, his Swedish compatriot and the former heavyweight champion. You say why not Steffen Tangstad? I say why not Steffen Tangstad?"

King, showing a few gaps in his knowledge of geography, was hard at work yesterday plotting an International Boxing Federation world heavyweight title fight between Michael Spinks, the holder, and Tangstad (from Norway), the European champion, in Las Vegas on September 6.

The problem that baffled the flamboyant promoter was that Tangstad, aged 27, despite standing 6ft 2in, is shy, and almost unknown in the United States. At lunch, Tangstad met the affable Spinks and sparks failed to fly - perhaps only to be expected from a fighter whose country has banned professional boxing since 1981. The nearest European challenger, including a menacing stance, despite King's goading, was to grin at each other with fists clenched.

Tangstad has 24 wins, including 12 by knockout, one loss and Las Vegas early on and I think I'm going to win," Tangstad said quietly. "My dream for so many years has been to fight for the world title."

Spinks, a natural light-heavyweight who took the IBF heavyweight title from Larry Holmes last September and beat him again in a rematch, says he "thinks he is still the underdog." "I put Tangstad exactly where I want him, against Holmes," he said. "I look forward to a tough fight. I'm not putting Tangstad down."

"Once, I never dreamed of being in fights with big guys to whom I have to give away 10 to 15 pounds," Spinks said. "Tangstad is a big, very tough guy. Let someone else say he's soft, not me."

Tangstad looked at the floor in embarrassment. Asked if he had any heroes, Tangstad said: "Johansson because my big idol. I saw him in Florida recently. He has given me a lot of good advice." Describing his style, Tangstad said: "I have a knock-out punch in both hands. I feel I'm improving."

Tangstad said he did not expect the Las Vegas heat to upset him as it has other European challengers, including Barry McGuigan, of Northern Ireland, who lost his world featherweight title to Steve Cruz in June with the temperature above 100degF. "I arrive in Las Vegas early because of the heat," Tangstad said. "The heat gave me a little problem at the beginning, but now I am over it."

BASKETBALL League for non-giants begins flexing muscles

New York (Reuters) - The United States' newest professional league hopes to stand out by being shorter. The International Basketball Association for players 6ft 4in and under will begin next summer to avoid competition with the National Basketball Association, where giants over 7ft rule the courts.

The IBA's rules will favour quickness, playmaking and pure shooting, not height. Ben Haskin, the IBA co-founder said yesterday.

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MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham City 2, Bradford City 1, Grimsby Town 2, Barnsley 0, West Bromwich Albion 1, Sheffield United 0.

LITTON CUP: First round, first leg: Gillingham 1, Northampton Town 0. Second round: Gillingham 1, Northampton Town 0.

WALKHALL-OPHEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnsley 2, Bradford City 1, Grimsby Town 2, Barnsley 0, West Bromwich Albion 1, Sheffield United 0.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larard

BBC 1

- 6.00 **Ceefax AM**
Breakfast Time with Frank Goodwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Dr Richard Smith's phone-in medical advice, Steve Blackwell's Summertime Special at 9.04.
- 9.20 **Laurel and Hardy**, Cartoon 9.25 Sias. Adventure serial about a young man who runs away from a circus.
- 1.00 **Newsround** Special Delivery presented by Philip Schofield, touring England's south coast. Includes a special report from Brownses (Islands) the scout movement's first campsite. 9.55 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part Three.
- 1.00 **Heartbeat**. A new approach to art, with Tony Hart, Gabrielle Bradshaw and Colin Bennett. Featuring balloon sculptures, patchwork and hot air balloons, tap dancing and Morph. (r) 10.25 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part four. (r) 10.30 **Play School**. (r) 10.30 **Garbar**. Surinder Kocher presents another selection of Eastern music. Performing today are Shiv Kumar Sharma, Injaz and Riaz Af Khan, Majaz Banerjee, Raj Kumar Rizvi and Indira Bora. 11.15 **Ceefax**.
- 2.40 **XIV European Athletics Championships**. Introduced by Desmond Lynam. After Noon with Sue Coverdale and Sue Carpenter. Includes news headlines with subtitles, 1.25 National news. Weather. 1.35 **Check-a-Block**. A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r) 1.45 **Crash**. A repeat of Sunday's feature about young people of achievement, with sign language and subtitles. (r) 2.15 **Ceefax**. (r) 2.20 **Regional News**. (r) 2.25 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.30 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.35 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.40 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.45 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.50 **Dezignish**. (r) 2.55 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.00 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.05 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.10 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.15 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.20 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.25 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.30 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.35 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.40 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.45 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.50 **Dezignish**. (r) 3.55 **Dezignish**. (r) 4.00 **Dezignish**. (r) 4.05 **Dezignish**. (r) 4.10 **Dezignish**. (r) 4.15 **Dezignish**. 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SPORT

Christie and Wells set for a sprint to gold

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stuttgart

Counting medals before they are hanging around the athletes' necks is an invidious exercise, inviting disaster. But Linford Christie and Allan Wells' wins in the first and third fastest times respectively in the first round of the 100 metres last night was an excellent start for British athletes in these 14th European championships.

Wells was first up, in a blue version of the shorts, or rather "longs," which have evoked reference to *Wilson of the Wizard*. Since we know Wells is 34, we cannot really pursue too closely comparison with the "ageless" Wilson, who, in any case, was a middle-distance runner.

But Wells' performances, at an age when former Olympic sprint champions are gravitating towards walking sticks, is evoking comparison with a higher literary figure, the fellow with the portrait in the attic. But there was nothing wild about Wells' running. It was another beautifully controlled effort, made to look even better by the inadequacy of Aris Cefai, of Malta, in the lane next to Wells.

In only his third full 100 metres since limping away from the Olympic semi-final two years ago, Wells defeated

three of the fastest men on paper this year, Antoine Richard, of France, Christian Haas, of West Germany, and Vladimir Muravyev, of the Soviet Union. Wells even had time to look across from the outside lane to see that he could ease up slightly at the finish, yet still recorded 10.31 seconds into a headwind of 1.5 metres per second, his best performance of the year.

Wells said afterwards: "To some extent that was a laying of the ghost of Los Angeles. But the real work begins in the semi-finals today. That was all part of my preparation."

Wells' wife and coach, Margaret, said she had predicted 10.39 seconds and was pleased to be so close to that time. Steffen Bringmann, of East Germany, and Attila Kovacs, of Hungary, went close to Wells' time in winning the next two heats in 10.34 and 10.32 respectively, although into slightly headwinds. But Marian Woronin, of Poland, another veteran sprinter, albeit four years younger than Wells, was a victim of a hamstring pull in the third heat.

Woronin has, like Wells, been running exceptionally well this year after more than two years in the doldrums. He had moved from Poland to

live in Marseilles and was just getting back into the sprinting stride which has made him the European record holder with 10.00. But Woronin hardly had time to get into his stride after one false start. He pulled up clutching the damaged left hamstring after barely 10 metres but still jogged disconsolately down the track to congratulate the qualifiers.

Britain's third sprinter, Mike McFarlane, third in the Commonwealth Games, had to work hard to get that position and just qualified in the fourth heat in 10.48 seconds. The winner was the Soviet sprinter, Viktor Bryzgin, who has the fastest time in Europe this year of 10.03, yet has not looked as good as that in his rare outings since doing it. He ran 10.35 last night.

But then Christie put everything into perspective in the final heat. He is 0.01 seconds behind Bryzgin on times this year, with the 10.04 with which he broke Wells' six-year-old United Kingdom record. And his winning run last night in 10.25, into a one-metre per second headwind, makes him the favourite for today's final. Bruno Marie-Rose, of France, was trying to push Christie hard from two lanes inside the Briton, but

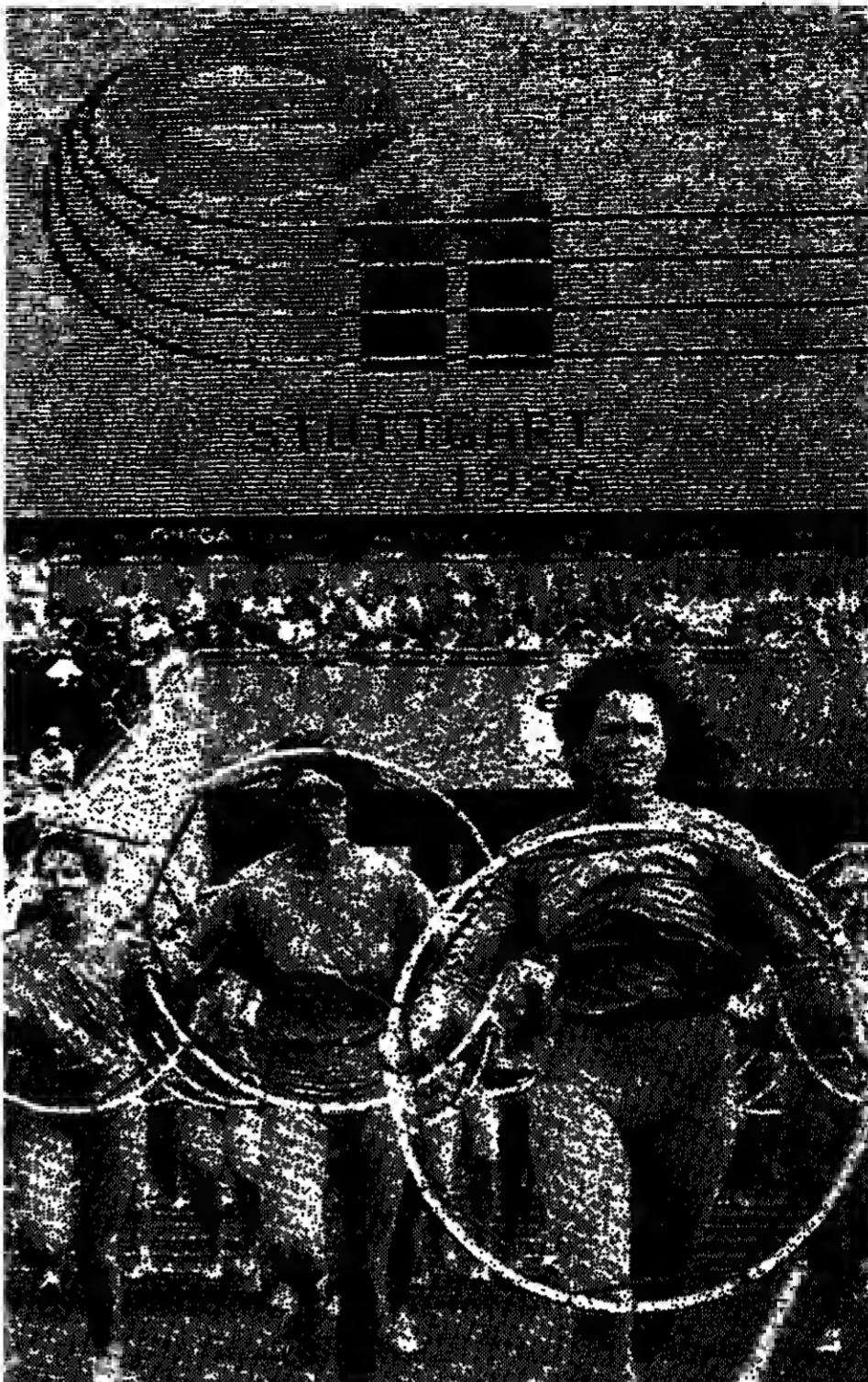
even with that pressure Christie was able to decelerate a few metres before the line, watching the Frenchman, and still win easily, and impressively.

The weather was changing markedly by the time the women sprinters got on the track. Going from dull to sunny during the low-key opening ceremony, attended by barely 30,000 people, half-filling the Neckar Stadium, it had become sultry for the men's races. But the women only just beat the rain which continued through most of the rest of the programme. And the British women did nowhere near as well as the men.

That was hardly surprising, in view of the competition from the eminent East Germans, who have made a point of concentrating on the under-developed world of women's athletics. Heather Oakes was third in 11.28, but qualifying easily in the first heat behind Ingrid Auerswald in 11.15 into a 1.4 metres per second headwind. But then multiple title and record holder, Marlies Göhr ran the fastest of the night, winning the second heat in 11.06 seconds. Paula Dunn qualified behind her in 11.31. Göhr was one of the East German athletes who was supposed to be out injured all season. But it did not look very much like it last night. Sandra Whitaker was the last to qualify with 11.51 seconds in the third heat, won by Nelli Cooman in a Dutch record of 11.12.

Heike Drechsler, another East German, who is favoured to win two gold medals, was leading qualifier in one of her world record events, the long jump, with 6.85 metres.

With Mark Holtom having withdrawn through injury, Britain's two remaining 400 metres hurdlers, Max Robertson and Phil Beattie, the Commonwealth champion, qualified for the semi-finals.



Party spirit: The celebrations begin as the curtain goes up on the 14th European athletics championships which began at the Neckar Stadium in Stuttgart, West Germany, yesterday. Britain's sprinters got off to a good start with wins for Alan Wells and Linford Christie in the 100 metres and Mike McFarlane also qualified for today's semi-finals.

Why the East has not gone West

DAVID MILLER

Some sports in some countries of the Eastern bloc live on a shoe-string. There is the pathetic story of the Polish cycling federation being obliged, like teenage pampers on the streets of Port Said setting their sights, to allow their most talented champions, Lech Piasocki, to turn professional so as to be able to use his Western currency prize-money to purchase new bicycles for their younger riders. It will be interesting to see, in Seoul in two years' time, how much these nations who boycotted the Olympic Games in Los Angeles will have been set back by the removal of incentive and motivation for their competitors and coaches. Yet although even the Soviet Union are thought to have suffered some loss of heart, it is likely that East Germany will prove during the European athletics championships here that their impetus is as formidable as ever.

The Democratic Republic know how to look after their competitors. It is widely told how Manfred Ewald, the president of their Olympic Committee, who recreated sport from the ashes of post-war ruin, gives a sumptuous banquet at the conclusion of each Olympic Games... for those who have not won medals.

After the 1976 Games in Montreal all the medal winners and their families and coaches, and some of those who were exceptional in fourth or fifth place, were taken by pleasure liner for a two-week holiday in Cuba. When, in 1980, there were too many medalists for the boat's accommodation, half were sent by air and half by sea, switching places for the return journey.

Face saving for Ewald in 1984

In 1984 Ewald explained to his competitors why — never mind what the West may think of his government's reason — they would not be going to LA: but the cruise was still on. The places would be determined by results in Spartakiads in Moscow and Prague.

On this occasion the competitors were happy to accept the decision, though whether their morale would accept another boycott of Seoul is open to question; and the Minister of Sport, assured me in Berlin two years ago that his country would be in South Korea in 1988.

The East German Olympic Committee having saved their face in 1984, the dedication of their competitors has remained constant, and there has been no hiccup in their level of performances, as the world swimming championships in Madrid have shown. It is likely to be the same in the forthcoming world cycling championships in Colorado and also here in Stuttgart.

In the 25 years since East Germany emerged as a superpower they have shared the foreground, certainly in the European athletics championships, with the Soviet Union. These two, with some lesser assistance from their half-dozen Communist neighbours, have since 1962 won 102 of the 360 available medals on the track and 124 of the 240 in field events.

That is just for men. In women's events there has — does anyone need reminding? — been an even more massive domination that it has hardly been worth other countries while to turn up.

Sporting machines not so soulless

And now? As Marita Koch and Marlies Göhr begin, only fractionally, to fade they are replaced by Heike Drechsler and Silke Gladisch, both in their early twenties.

Valdemar Cierpinski, their marathon Olympic gold medalist, has been replaced by Michael Hellmann, who used to go running at the age of five in the village of Klein Mischow with his father, a jogging fanatic. Today, he leads the European ranking list.

Those who believe the East Germans are soulless sporting machines have a naive view. There is a fundamental individual enthusiasm among the rank and file no less intense than among, say, those British who get to the top.

This is repeatedly apparent in the rain in Berlin recently, effectively won the long jump with her first leap of 7.15 metres, yet continued with another five jumps over seven metres just for the hell of it. Do not let anyone suppose that the GDR might have lost their way just because they were absent in Los Angeles.

Athletes face dope tests

Stuttgart (AP) — As at all major international sports events, strict doping controls will be conducted at the 14th European track and field championships which began here yesterday. Athletes undergoing the tests will be drawn prior to the respective competition.

According to the competitors' list, the youngest athlete is just seven weeks old. An error states that Ann Jansson of Sweden, who competes in the 10km walk, was

born in 1986, instead of 1958. In fact, the youngest competitor is 14-year-old Kersti Tysse of Norway, who also competes in the 10km walk. The youngest male athlete is Aris Cefai, an 18-year-old Maltese student who runs in the 100-metres.

The oldest person entered is 44-year-old Ery Palm of Sweden, who runs in the 10,000 metres.

The Neckar stadium, where the championships take place, is one of West Germany's

most modern sports arenas. Built in 1933, the stadium was used for the 1974 World Cup in football and holds 70,643 spectators.

Although the competition dates back to 1934, it was not until 1946 that men and women competed together.

Women were excluded when the event first took place, in Turin. Four years later, the men competed in Paris while the women had their own competition in Vienna. Then came the war years.

CRICKET

No action against Richards for refusing a drugs test

By John Goodbody

Vivian Richards, the Somerset and West Indian batsman, has received no punishment for refusing to undergo a drugs test during the Britannic Assurance county championship game against Gloucestershire at Bristol on July 19.

The Test and County Cricket Board disciplinary committee, meeting at Lord's yesterday, accepted that the usual doping practice since its introduction to cricket in 1985 had not been observed.

Donald Carr, the secretary of the TCCB, agreed that it was not in the TCCB's own regulations that a draw should be made with a member of the

Somerset team present. "But this has been the normal practice," he said. "Vivian knew this from a previous experience. He therefore thought it was only right and proper that players should see the draw being made and

the regulations for dope tests are particular to each sport, although the Sports Council fund the testing and are responsible for the administration. A total of 64 cricketers have been tested this year.

"This is the first time that the practice has been queried," Mr Carr said. "It is inevitable experiment. We are likely to find ways of improvement and of amending the regulations."

Richards strongly supported

the efforts being made by the cricketing authorities to control the use of drugs in the game and he also apologized to Somerset and to the TCCB for what he had done and for any embarrassment caused."

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know who had been taken out of the hat for testing."

Richards strongly supported

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir gets a testing

From a Special Correspondent

Karachi — It is more than five years since Jahangir Khan twice lost a game in one tournament. Yesterday it happened when Qamar Zaman produced at the age of 35 perhaps his best performance since his heyday as world number one. Jahangir eventually got home 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 9-7 in 75 minutes of stroke-making.

Matches with Zaman tend to be like that. Matches with Jahangir this week have offered his opponents glimmers of hope, partly because of the ring rustiness that has developed since his last world grand prix tournament, the British Open in April.

Against that Jahangir hit more adventurously. But there are also mistakes and at 6-7 in the fourth game it seemed he might be taken the full distance for the first time since Hidayat Jahan managed it in 1982.

He will today be tested by Phil Kenyon, the British national champion, in the semi-final. Kenyon produced his second successive encouraging performance, and his second against an Australian. After beating Steve Bowditch, the world number 16 in straight games on Monday he beat Tristan Nancarrow, the rising world number 21, 9-2, 9-6, 9-7.

YACHTING

Tales of woe bring stout men flocking

By Barry Pickthall

It is rightly called: "The Ultimate Challenge." Simply 27,000 grunting miles across the Atlantic, now in its hurricane season, onward through the Roaring Forties and Screaming Fifties to Cape Horn before turning up into the Atlantic once more for the final tactical leg back to Newport.

This is the BOC single-handed Round the World race, and the 25 solo sailors who gathered in Newport for the start on Saturday, know that the event is guaranteed to test them to the limits of their mental and physical ability.

In the first of these marathons four years ago, only 10 of the original 17 starters completed the course. No lives were lost, but two boats sank in the Southern Ocean, and another, the late Sir Francis Chichester's Gipsy Moth IV was wrecked 250 miles short of Sydney, the second stopover port.

One yacht remained aground on the Falklands for a month after its New Zealand skipper had fallen asleep through exhaustion, and three other entrants discovered too late that their boats were unfit for the challenge. Only one admitted he had bitten off more than he could chew.

These tales of disaster and harrowing escapes, served not

to dissuade, but whet more appetites. When entries closed at the end of May, 36 sailors from 10 nations had paid \$2,500 entry fee. That number is now down to 25, but still a significant number.

Harry Mitchell, is the sole British challenger. He is a retired businessman from Portsmouth and has bought Yeoman XX, Robin Aisher's 1977 Admiral's Cupper, renamed Double Cross.

Mitchell, 61, faces some awesome competition, not least from Jacques de Roux, the former French sub-mariner who built up an astounding eight day lead over his Class II rivals during the first two stages of the last race before being pitched in the Southern Ocean midway between New Zealand and Cape Horn.

De Roux's yacht Skovren III was kept afloat by four inches of air space below deck and de Roux's continuous pumping for two days until rescued by Richard Broadhead, the British competitor who found him in a state of near collapse.

Leading the Class I line-up for yachts up to 60ft overall are three other Frenchmen. They are Guy Bernadin, former restaurateur, and Philippe Jeantou, winner last time round, and Jean Yves Terlain, the veteran.

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MOTOR RACING

Learning from the wash-out

By John Blunsden

Birmingham City Council's efforts to bring on-the-streets motor racing to mainland Britain at the weekend may have ended in a wash-out, but this should not be allowed to jeopardize their intention to repeat the exercise for the next four years.

It was the cruellest misfortune that the August Bank Holiday meeting should have suffered such appalling weather and no amount of careful pre-planning could have prevented such driving conditions.

Street racing has obvious attractions, not the least of which is the opportunity for local inhabitants to watch motor sport on "their" roads, often without ever having to leave their homes. But it also brings particular problems. One is that the circuit can have little, if any, permanent installations, so that a mammoth building job is called for in the days preceding a race meeting and a rapid dismantling operation immediately afterwards.

Another drawback is that incessant heavy rain can cause drivers more severe visibility problems on circuits lined with barriers than on those with wide run-off areas; an accident on a street circuit is likely to end with the disabled car still on the circuit instead of beyond the edge of it, and consequently a hazard to drivers still racing, particularly so when visibility is so poor.

This was the situation — one car crashing into another, which had already been abandoned — which caused the Clerk of the Course quite rightly to halt the race on Monday. It would have been the same if the race had taken place at Monaco, where in fact heavy rain caused the 1984 race to be abandoned after 31 of the scheduled 78 laps. It should also be pointed out that freak weather conditions have, from time to time, halted racing on Britain's conventional circuits.

The weekend's events also provided a number of ploys to offset the short-term financial cost. By general consent, the circuit engineering was first-class — it is no easy task to turn an urban area into a safe race circuit, and the construction team excelled themselves in their first-time effort. They made a few errors, of course, but they have already learnt from them.

In hindsight, the organizers were a little over-ambitious in the extent of their programme, much of which in the end had to be abandoned. Next year it would be wise to confine the racing to a main event and no more than two supporting races, plus perhaps a parade of classic cars.

EQUESTRIANISM

Boost for the best of British

By Jenny MacArthur

Today's Audi HIS National Hunter championship show, held on the Shropshire and West Midland showground at Shrewsbury, is intended as a major promotion for the British-bred horse.

For the first time at Shrewsbury, all the hunter championships — Young Stock, Mares and Fools, Ridden and Working Hunters and Hunter Shooting — are being included in one show, made possible by the sponsors whose £10,000 prize money has helped many of the country's top hunter breeders and exhibitors.

There will also be an inter-hunt team relay competition in which eight teams are competing. Tomorrow, on the showground, the HIS hold their most important select sale of British-bred horses.

The most significant championship is the Audi HIS Working Hunter futurity final in which Wendy Dallimore with Mr and Mrs Andy Croft's Boley Hill, a six year old by Blaze, defend their title.

The championship was conceived with the idea of providing a nursery for future event horses. It is restricted to riders between the age of 17 and 25 and horses aged between four and eight but exceeding 15 hands. The hunters are judged partly on their confirmation but much more so on their performance over a course of natural fences, which includes a water jump.

Twenty-six horses have qualified for today's class in which Boley Hill, the winner at The Royal Show this year, looks to have a good chance of a second win.

Lendl snub to country

Ivan Lendl has refused to play for Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup team against Sweden on October 3-5, Jan Kodes, the non-playing captain said in Prague yesterday. "Lendl says he now has another programme," said Kodes. Lendl, the world's leading ranked player, has not played for his country since Czechoslovakia was white-washed by West Germany a year ago.

Irish session

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, ended a two-day training session with his new charges at Lilleshall today before his squad tackle Belgium, the World Cup semi-finalists in the European championship qualifying match in Brussels on September 10.

Win by Davis

Sieve Davis, the world snooker runner-up, has won the second Camus Chinese Masters in Shanghai, beating Terry Griffiths, of Wales 3-0 in the final. The tournament was beamed live on television throughout China and attended by 3,000 spectators.

Sharp students

The Great Britain amateurs gave a dazzling display yesterday in the Student World Cup in Auckland to beat Papua New Guinea 40-8 and record their first Rugby League international victory. Henry Sharp, the winger, scored three tries.

Hickstead off

The national schools show jumping championship at Hickstead tomorrow, has been cancelled because the course is waterlogged. Competitors from 120 schools and Pony Clubs were to have taken part.

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